

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON EN-
GROSSED BILLS.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 6, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House
of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed
Bills have carefully examined and com-
pared

H. B. No. 226, A bill to be entitled
"An Act for the purpose of promoting
and improving the development of the
country schools of the State by the
appropriation of one million dollars
each year, or such part thereof as may
be necessary, for the next two fiscal
years ending August 31, 1918, and 1919,
respectively, by allowing the State
Board of Education to aid any one
school in any sum not exceeding five
hundred dollars in any one year, and
providing that schools receiving such
aid be located and constructed in a
certain way and having certain and
necessary equipment, and providing for
the employment of competent teachers;
and said act further providing that no
school having over three hundred scho-
lastics shall receive such aid, and pro-
viding that schools receiving such aid
shall have had certain percentage of
attendance with exceptions, and provid-
ing said schools shall levy a local school
tax of not less than fifty cents on the
one hundred dollars valuation, and pro-
viding course of study for such country
schools, and setting aside fifty thousand
dollars of the appropriation annually
for the relief of backward districts and
giving the State Board of Education
power to establish rules and regulations
for the organization of such country
schools and otherwise carrying out the
intentions of this act, and defining the
powers of the State Board of Educa-
tion, and providing for assistants to
the State Superintendent to be known as
rural school supervisors, and providing
for reports to be made to the State
Board of Education, and providing for
the manner of payment and disburse-
ment of all money granted under the
provisions of this act, and providing
said school can accept the benefits of
this act without waiving the benefits
and privileges of other laws, and pro-
viding certain funds for the payment
of rural school supervisors and their
traveling expenses, repealing all laws and
parts of laws in conflict therewith, and
declaring and emergency."

And find the same correctly engrossed.

DENTON, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 7, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House
of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed
Bills have carefully examined and com-
pared

H. B. No. 21, A bill to be entitled
"An Act fixing the salaries of judges of
the Supreme Court and the Court of
Criminal Appeals and the judges of the
Courts of Civil Appeals, and of the dis-
trict courts of this State, and declaring
an emergency."

And find the same correctly engrossed.

DENTON, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 7, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House
of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed
Bills have carefully examined and com-
pared

H. J. R. No. 9, Proposing to amend
Section 2 of Article 6 of the Constitu-
tion of the State of Texas so as to au-
thorize females to vote, and providing
that the Governor shall submit the same
to the qualified voters of Texas at the
election to be held on the first Tuesday
in November, 1918, and appropriating
five thousand dollars, or so much thereof
as may be necessary, to pay the expenses
of carrying out the provisions of this
resolution,

And find the same correctly engrossed.

DENTON, Chairman.

TWENTY-THIRD DAY.

(Thursday, February 8, 1917.)

The House met at 10 o'clock a. m.,
pursuant to adjournment.

(Speaker Fuller in the chair.)

The roll was called, and the follow-
ing members were present:

Bagby.	Bryant.
Baker.	Burton of Rusk.
Beard of Milam.	Burton of Tarrant.
Beasley.	Butler.
Beason.	Cadenhead.
Bedell.	Canales.
Bell.	Carlock.
Bertram.	Cates.
Blackmon.	Clark.
Blalock.	Cope.
Bland.	Cox.
Boner.	Crudgington.
Brown.	Davis of Dallas.
Bryan.	Davis of Grimes.

Davis	Poage.
of Van Zandt.	Pope.
De Bogory.	Raiden.
Denton.	Reeves.
Dodd.	Richards.
Dunnam.	Robertson.
Estes.	Roemer.
Fairchild.	Rogers.
Fisher.	Russell.
Fitzpatrick.	Sackett.
Florer.	Sallas.
Fly.	Sentell.
Greenwood.	Schlesinger.
Haidusek.	Schlosshan.
Hardey.	Scholl.
Harris.	Seawright.
Hartman.	Sholars.
Hawkins.	Smith of Bastrop.
Hill.	Smith of Hopkins.
Holland.	Smith of Scurry.
Hudspeth.	Spencer of Nolan.
Johnson.	Spradley.
Jones.	Stewart.
Laas.	Strayhorn.
Laney.	Taylor.
Lange.	Templeton.
Lanier.	Terrell.
Lee.	Thomas.
Lindemann.	Thomason
Lowe	of El Paso.
of McMullen.	Thomason
Low	of Nacogdoches.
of Washington.	Thompson
McComb.	of Hunt.
McCoy.	Thompson
McDowra.	of Red River.
McFarland.	Tillotson.
McMillin.	Tilson.
Meador.	Tinner.
Mendell.	Traylor.
Metcalfe.	Tschoepe.
Monday.	Upchurch.
Morris.	Valentine.
Murrell.	Veatch.
Neeley.	Wahrmund.
Neill.	Walker.
Nichols.	Williams
Nordhaus.	of Brazoria.
O'Banion.	Williams
O'Brien.	of McLennan.
Osborne.	Williford.
Parks.	Wilson.
Peddy.	Woods.
Peyton.	Woodul.
Pillow.	Yantis.

Absent.

Martin. Miller of Austin.

Absent—Excused.

Beard of Harris.	Miller of Dallas.
Blackburn.	Moore.
Bledsoe.	Spencer of Wise.
Dudley.	Swope.
Lacey.	White.

A quorum was announced present.
Prayer was offered by Rev. J. C. Mitchell, Chaplain.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE GRANTED.

The following members were granted leaves of absence on account of important business:

Mr. Miller of Dallas, for today, on motion of Mr. Laney.

Mr. Beard of Harris, indefinitely, on motion of Mr. Davis of Grimes.

Mr. Bledsoe, for today, on motion of Mr. Pope.

Mr. Swope, for yesterday and today, on motion of Mr. Richards.

Mr. White, for today, on motion of Mr. Meador.

Mr. Dudley, for today, on motion of Mr. Thomason of El Paso.

Mr. Moore, for today and tomorrow, on motion of Mr. Sallas.

Mr. Spencer of Wise, for today and tomorrow, on motion of Mr. Rogers.

The following member was granted leave of absence of account of sickness:

Mr. Lacey, indefinitely, on motion of Mr. Estes.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION ON FIRST READING.

The following House joint resolution was laid before the House, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments:

By Mr. Dunnam:

H. J. R. No. 34, Proposing to amend Section 2 of Article 16 so as to provide that conventional rate of interest shall not exceed 8 per cent per annum, and that the rate of interest, in absence of agreement, shall not exceed 6 per cent per annum; providing for an election thereon; fixing the time for such election, and making an appropriation therefor.

HOUSE BILLS ON FIRST READING.

The following House bills, introduced today, were laid before the House, read severally first time, and referred to the appropriate committees, as follows:

By Mr. Bledsoe:

H. B. No. 603, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating and incorporating the Post Independent School District, in Garza county, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Education.

By Mr. Martin:

H. B. No. 604, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the office of Superintendent of Instruction for Civilian Rifle Clubs; authorizing the appointment by the Governor of such Superintendent; fixing his term of office and compensation; providing for traveling expenses; providing for the enlargement of the military rifle range at Camp Mabry; making the necessary appropriation to carry out the provisions of the act, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Education.

By Mr. Boner:

H. B. No. 605, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend act of the Thirty-third Legislature, page 116, entitled 'An Act for the relief of railway corporations having charters granted or amended since the first day of January, 1892, and which have failed, or are about to fail, to construct their roads and branches, or any part thereof within the time required by law, and declaring an emergency,' so as to relieve railway corporations having charters dated since January 1, 1892."

Referred to Committee on Common Carriers.

By Mr. Laney:

H. B. No. 606, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating and incorporating the Wilmer Independent School District in Dallas county, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Education.

By Mr. Low of Washington (by request):

H. B. No. 607, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Chapter 153 of the Acts of the Regular Session of the Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Texas, approved April 7, 1913, and to require all corporations that are required by law to pay an annual franchise tax to make a report to the Secretary of State between the first day of January and the first day of March of each year, and prescribing what the report shall contain; prescribing penalties for failure to make such report and providing such reports shall only be subject to inspection by parties who are interested directly in the subject matter of such report, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Revenue and Taxation.

By Mr. Thomason of Nacogdoches:

H. B. No. 608, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Chireno Independent School District in Nacogdoches county, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Education.

By Mr. Thomason of Nacogdoches:

H. B. No. 609, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating an independent school district to be known as the Woden Independent School District in Nacogdoches county, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Education.

By Mr. Walker, Mr. Burton of Tarrant, Mr. Carlock and Mr. Valentine:

H. B. No. 610, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 3 of House bill No. 647, Chapter 136, of the special laws passed at the regular session of the Thirty-third Legislature relating to Tarrant county road system; providing for the raising of the salaries of county commissioners of said county from \$2000 to \$2400 per annum, and making it the duty of said commissioners to furnish their own conveyance while performing the duties of road commissioner and defray the expense of upkeep of same."

Referred to Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

By Mr. Baker and Mr. Denton:

H. B. No. 611, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide that women may vote in all primary elections in Texas; prescribing qualifications, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Privileges, Suffrage and Elections.

By Mr. Sallas:

H. B. No. 612, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create a more efficient road, bridge and culvert system for Houston county; to create the office of road superintendent, etc., and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

By Mr. Thompson of Red River:

H. B. No. 613, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 12, Article 2750, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, 1911, by raising the qualification of county superintendent of public instruction, that said county superintendent of public instruction shall have at least five years' continuous ex-

perience as a teacher in the public schools of Texas of not less than five months in each year immediately before his election."

Referred to Committee on Education.

By Mr. Blalock:

H. B. No. 614, A bill to be entitled "An Act to establish a Junior Agricultural College east of the 96th meridian and north of the 31st parallel, and to place the government and direction of said institution under the governing board of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, and making an appropriation for said junior college, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Education.

By Mr. Fly, Mr. Bryan, Mr. McMillin, Mr. Reeves, Mr. Cope, Mr. Miller of Dallas, Mr. Bryant, Mr. Bledsoe and Mr. Thomason of Nacogdoches:

H. B. No. 615, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 77 of the General Laws of the Thirty-second Legislature, approved March 17, 1911, and entitled 'An Act to provide for the location, establishment and maintenance of two colonies for the treatment of persons suffering from tuberculosis and to provide for the care and treatment of indigent consumptives, and making an appropriation therefor; defining a "citizen" as used in this act, and declaring an emergency,' as amended by the Act of March 31, 1913, by adding thereto Sections 22, 23 and 24, authorizing charitable fraternities or societies in this State to erect upon the grounds of the State Tuberculosis Sanitarium accommodations for the preferential use of their own members and their families and the widows and children of their deceased members, such persons to be otherwise admitted, maintained, cared for and treated in said sanitarium under the same rules and regulations as other patients thereof, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Public Health.

By Mr. Williams of Brazoria:

H. B. No. 616, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize and empower district and county attorneys to follow and assist in the prosecution of felony cases where the indictment has been found in their district, and the venue of such cases has been changed to another district; and providing for additional compensation therefor by adding to Title 15, Chapter 2 of the Code of Criminal Procedure

Article 1117bb, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Reforms in Criminal Procedure.

By Mr. Davis of Grimes:

H. B. No. 617, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for the compulsory tuberculin testing of all dairy cattle by veterinarians recognized by the Live Stock Sanitary Commission; for the reporting of such tests and for the sale and slaughter of affected animals; and providing penalties for the violations thereof."

Referred to Committee on Stock and Stock Raising.

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST READING.

The following Senate bills were laid before the House, read severally first time, and referred to the appropriate committees, as follows:

Senate bill No. 251, to the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

Senate bill No. 235, to the Committee on Counties.

Senate bill No. 183, to the Committee on Agriculture.

Senate bill No. 174, to the Committee on Public Lands and Land Office.

BILLS ORDERED NOT PRINTED.

On motion of Mr. Terrell, it was ordered that House bill No. 596 be not printed.

On motion of Mr. Tilson, it was ordered that Senate bill No. 214 be not printed.

On motion of Mr. Thomas, it was ordered that Senate bill No. 203 be not printed.

On motion of Mr. Templeton, it was ordered that House bill No. 539 be not printed.

On motion of Mr. Williams of Brazoria, it was ordered that House bill No. 300 be not printed.

On motion of Mr. Sallas, it was ordered that Senate bill No. 211 be not printed.

On motion of Mr. Thomason of El Paso, it was ordered that House bill No. 443 be not printed.

On motion of Mr. Russell, it was ordered that House bill No. 516 be not printed.

On motion of Mr. Lowe of McMullen, it was ordered that House bill No. 574 be not printed.

On motion of Mr. Stewart, it was ordered that House bill No. 602 be not printed.

On motion of Mr. Richards, it was ordered that House bill No. 549 be not printed.

On motion of Mr. Estes, it was ordered that House bill No. 554 be not printed.

On motion of Mr. McDowra, it was ordered that House bill No. 576 be not printed.

On motion of Mr. Smith of Scurry, it was ordered that House bill No. 597 be not printed.

On motion of Mr. Laney, it was ordered that House bill No. 606 be not printed.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS ORDERED PRINTED.

On motion of Mr. Parks, it was ordered that the (committee) amendments to House bill No. 291 be printed in lieu of the original bill.

On motion of Mr. Canales, it was ordered that the (committee) amendments to House bill No. 237 be printed in lieu of the original bill.

FURTHER TIME GRANTED.

On motion of Mr. Canales, further time was granted the Committee on Irrigation for making a report on House bill No. 15, referred to that committee.

BILLS ORDERED PRINTED.

On motion of Mr. Blalock, it was ordered that House bill No. 330, reported unfavorably, be printed.

On motion of Mr. Dunnam, it was ordered that House bill No. 19, reported unfavorably, be printed.

COMMITTEE TO VISIT COMPTROLLER'S DEPARTMENT.

Mr. Blalock offered the following resolution:

Whereas, The Hon. H. B. Terrell, Comptroller of the State of Texas, is asking of this Legislature considerable increases in the appropriation for additional help in that Department during the next two years; and

Whereas, The Comptroller has requested and invited the members of this House to confer with him and to visit that office with a view of studying its needs; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Speaker be instructed to appoint a committee of five to visit the Comptroller's Department to confer with the Comptroller and the heads of the various departments thereof in order to learn what increases

are necessary and what is the nature of the additional work which has been put upon that Department, in order that this House may more intelligently pass upon this item when the appropriation bill is reached.

Signed—Blalock, Upchurch, Peyton.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL BILL FILES.

Mr. Holland offered the following resolution:

Whereas, On account of the many printed bills now distributed in the House, and on account of many more to be printed and distributed, both Senate and House bills, and on account of most members of the House not having but one bill file, and that the Sergeant-at-Arms claims that his supply is exhausted, and that the members of the House now need, and will in the future need, more bill files; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Sergeant-at-Arms be and is hereby instructed to procure more bill files in sufficient number, immediately to supply the need of the membership of the House, and that same be charged to the contingent expense fund of the House.

Signed—Holland, Meador, Cox, Florer, Beason, Robertson, Fisher, Spradley, Valentine, Moore, Thomason of Nacogdoches, Upchurch, Schlesinger, Templeton, Hawkins, Nordhaus.

The resolution was read and was referred by the Speaker to the Committee on Contingent Expenses.

INVITING HON. W. B. YEARY TO ADDRESS THE LEGISLATURE.

Mr. Clark offered the following resolution:

Whereas, There has been a joint resolution reported favorably out of the Committee on Constitutional Amendments establishing an agency for the placing of a minimum price on cotton, and

Whereas, The subject has not been given very much consideration by some members of the House and Senate, and

Whereas, The Honorable W. B. Yearly is in the city in the interest of said resolution; therefore be it

Resolved, That we tender him the use of the Hall tonight to address an open

session of the House and Senate and general public on said subject.

Signed—Clark, Lanier, Rogers, Dodd, Veatch, Williford, De Bogory, Seawright, Russell, Thomason, Neill, Yantis, Davis of Dallas, Lee.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

RELATING TO RETRENCHMENT OF EXPENSES.

Mr. Blalock offered the following resolution:

H. C. R. No. 11, Relating to retrenchment of expenses of the State government.

Whereas, Loyal to its traditions of national honor and in the name of humanity, the government of the United States of America has severed diplomatic relations with Germany; and

Whereas, History bears witness to the fact that war has always been the natural sequence of such a breach in diplomatic relations between two powers; and

Whereas, A coming war would mean the mobilization of a vast army and the employment of our navy in actual battle array, the maintenance of which would draw tremendous sums from the National Treasury; and

Whereas, The people of this country would necessarily and rightly be heavily taxed directly and indirectly to pay for this great outlay of money, and individuals and families will find it necessary to practice most rigid economy, many of whom will be in actual want; therefore, be it

Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas, That it is the sense of the Senate and the House of Representatives that wherever it is possible a more rigid policy of economy be practiced; that, in order to reduce the burden upon the people of Texas, no new offices be created and no salaries be increased by this Legislature, except in cases of imperative public necessity.

The resolution was read and was referred by the Speaker to the Committee on State Affairs.

SENATE BILL NO. 47 ON PASSAGE TO THIRD READING.

(Unfinished Business.)

The Speaker laid before the House, as unfinished business, on its passage to a third reading,

S. B. No. 47, A bill to be entitled "An Act making appropriations for the

support and maintenance of the Sam Houston Normal School, the San Marcos Normal School, the Denton Normal School and the Canyon City Normal School during the summer of 1917, and declaring an emergency."

The bill having been read second time on Thursday, February 1, and Mr. Martin, at that time, having offered an amendment to the bill, striking out the enacting clause, and Mr. Nordhaus having moved to table the amendment.

Question—Shall the motion to table prevail?

Mr. Nordhaus withdrew the motion to table.

(Mr. Thomason of El Paso in the chair.)

Mr. Thomason of Nacogdoches moved to table the amendment, striking out the enacting clause of the bill, and the motion to table was lost.

(Speaker in the chair.)

Mr. Parks moved the previous question on the amendment and the passage of the bill to a third reading, and the main question was ordered.

Question first recurring on the amendment, striking out the enacting clause of the bill, yeas and nays were demanded.

The amendment was lost by the following vote:

Yeas—41.

Bagby.	McComb.
Baker.	McDowra.
Beasley.	McMillin.
Beason.	Murrell.
Bertram.	Neill.
Bland.	O'Brien.
Boner.	Reeves.
Brown.	Roemer.
Bryant.	Sallas.
Cadenhead.	Schlesinger.
Cox.	Seawright.
Dunnam.	Spencer of Nolan.
Fisher.	Stewart.
Haidusek.	Taylor.
Hartman.	Thompson
Hill.	of Red River.
Hudspeth.	Tinner.
Lanier.	Veatch.
Lee.	Walker.
Lowe	Williford.
of McMullen.	Woods.
Low	
of Washington.	

Nays—71.

Beard of Milam.	Blackmon.
Bedell.	Blalock.
Bell.	Burton of Rusk.

Butler.	Peddy.
Cates.	Peyton.
Clark.	Pillow.
Cope.	Poage.
Crudgington.	Pope.
Davis of Dallas.	Raiden.
Davis of Grimes.	Robertson.
Davis	Rogers.
of Van Zandt.	Russell.
De Bogory.	Sackett.
Denton.	Sentell.
Dodd.	Schlosshan.
Estes.	Scholl.
Fitzpatrick.	Smith of Bastrop.
Florer.	Smith of Hopkins.
Fly.	Smith of Scurry.
Greenwood.	Templeton.
Hardey.	Terrell.
Hawkins.	Thomas.
Holland.	Thomason
Johnson.	of El Paso.
Laas.	Thomason
Lange.	of Nacogdoches.
McCoy.	Thompson
McFarland.	of Hunt.
Meador.	Tillotson.
Mendell.	Tschoepe.
Metcalfe.	Upchurch.
Monday.	Valentine.
Morris.	Williams
Neeley.	of Brazoria.
Nichols.	Williams
Nordhaus.	of McLennan.
O'Banion.	Wilson.
Osborne.	Yantis.
Parks.	

Absent.

Bryan.	Miller of Austin.
Burton of Tarrant.	Richards.
Canales.	Sholars.
Carlock.	Spradley.
Fairchild.	Strayhorn.
Harris.	Tilson.
Jones.	Trayler.
Laney.	Wahrmund.
Lindemann.	Woodul.
Martin.	

Absent—Excused.

Beard of Harris.	Miller of Dallas.
Blackburn.	Moore.
Bledsoe.	Spencer of Wise.
Dudley.	Swope.
Lacey.	White.

Question then recurring on the passage of the bill to a third reading, yeas and nays were demanded.

The bill was passed to a third reading by the following vote:

Yeas—68.

Mr. Speaker.	Blackmon.
Beard of Milam.	Blalock.
Bedell.	Burton of Rusk.

Butler.	Pillow.
Clark.	Poage.
Cope.	Pope.
Crudgington.	Robertson.
Davis of Dallas.	Rogers.
Davis of Grimes.	Russell.
Davis	Sackett.
of Van Zandt.	Sentell.
De Bogory.	Schlosshan.
Denton.	Scholl.
Dodd.	Smith of Bastrop.
Estes.	Smith of Hopkins.
Fitzpatrick.	Smith of Scurry.
Florer.	Spencer of Nolan.
Fly.	Stewart.
Hardey.	Templeton.
Hill.	Terrell.
Holland.	Thomas.
Laas.	Thomason
Lange.	of El Paso.
McCoy.	Thomason
McFarland.	of Nacogdoches.
Meador.	Thompson
Mendell.	of Hunt.
Metcalfe.	Tillotson.
Miller of Austin.	Tschoepe.
Monday.	Upchurch.
Neeley.	Valentine.
Nichols.	Veatch.
Nordhaus.	Williams
O'Banion.	of McLennan.
Osborne.	Wilson.
Peddy.	Yantis.
Peyton.	

Nays—30.

Bagby.	McComb.
Beasley.	McDowra.
Bertram.	Morris.
Bland.	Murrell.
Boner.	Neill.
Brown.	O'Brien.
Bryant.	Parks.
Cadenhead.	Raiden.
Dunnam.	Reeves.
Fisher.	Sallas.
Greenwood.	Schlesinger.
Haidusek.	Seawright.
Hartman.	Taylor.
Hawkins.	Thompson
Lanier.	of Red River.
Lee.	Tinner.
Lowe	Walker.
of McMullen.	Williford.
Low	Woods.
of Washington.	

Present—Not Voting.

Williams
of Brazoria.

Absent.

Baker.	Burton of Tarrant.
Beason.	Canales.
Bell.	Carlock.
Bryan.	Cates.

Cox.	Richards.
Fairchild.	Roemer.
Harris.	Sholars.
Hudspeth.	Spradley.
Johnson.	Strayhorn.
Jones.	Tilson.
Laney.	Trayler.
Lindemann.	Wahrmund.
McMillin.	Woodul.
Martin.	

Absent—Excused.

Beard of Harris.	Miller of Dallas.
Blackburn.	Mooré.
Bledsoe.	Spencer of Wise.
Dudley.	Swope.
Lacey.	White.

Reason for Vote.

I vote "nay" on Senate bill No. 47 because there is no provision made in the bill as to how the appropriation shall be expended and for the further reason that I am opposed to bulk appropriations for any purpose.

TAYLOR.

Mr. Mendell moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed to a third reading, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, February 8, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has passed the following bills:

H. B. No. 34, A bill to be entitled "An Act constituting the several district judges of counties of certain population a juvenile board of such county, and prescribing the powers and duties of such board, including the appointment by it of probation officers, and providing for the payment of compensation of such officers, and allowing the said district judges an additional salary, to be paid out of the general fund of such county, and declaring an emergency,"

S. B. No. 124, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide an appropriation for the maintenance and support of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas in conformity to the provisions of an act passed by the Thirty-fourth Legislature, providing for the issuance of certain State bonds and authorizing the retirement of certain bonds of the

State of Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency,"

S. B. No. 243, A bill to be entitled "An Act to validate all sales of public free school lands which were purchased from the State and fully paid for, which patents were signed by Governor J. S. Hogg on the 22d and the 23d days of October, 1894, and on the 30th day of November, 1894, and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 299, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create and establish the county of Hudspeth out of a part of El Paso county; prescribing its area and boundaries; appointing commissioners to organize said county and prescribing their duties; providing for a division of said county into commissioners' and justices' precincts; providing for holding county and precinct elections for the election of county and precinct officers, and for holding an election for the purpose of locating the county seat of said county; providing for the attachment of said county to judicial, representative, senatorial, congressional and supreme judicial districts, and fixing the terms for holding district court in said county; providing for the assessment and collection of taxes, and for defraying the expenses of organizing said county and surveying and fixing the boundaries, and providing for the payment of pro rata share of the debt of El Paso county, from which said county is taken; repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully,
JOHN D. McCALL,
Secretary of the Senate.

RECESS.

On motion of Mr. Davis of Van Zandt, the House, at 12:30 o'clock p. m., took recess to 2 o'clock p. m. today.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The House met at 2 o'clock p. m., and was called to order by the Speaker.

SENATE BILL NO. 37 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to a third reading,

S. B. No. 37, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Articles 6772, 6773, 6774 and 6775, of Chapter 1, Title 117,

Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, relating to the transcribing of records from the parent county into the newly created counties which have been created either in whole or in part from the territory of any other county or counties in this State, or to which may have been added since its creation the territory of any other county or counties in this State so as to authorize the commissioners court of the new county to employ a competent person to transcribe the same, other than the county clerk of such new county, to repeal all laws in conflict therewith, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time.

Mr. Canales offered the following (committee) amendments to the bill:

(1)

Amend by striking out all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the following:

Section 1. That Article 6775, Chapter 1, Title 117, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas for 1911, be so amended as to hereafter read as follows:

Article 6775. The county clerk or party making such transcript shall be entitled to a compensation for transcribing, comparing and verifying said records of not less than ten nor more than fifteen cents for each hundred words, the amount to be fixed by the commissioners court, payable out of the county treasury upon warrants issued under the order of the commissioners court of the newly created county.

Sec. 2. The fact that some of the counties of this State have not their records transcribed at this time and the fact that some of those counties can have same transcribed at less cost than under the present law creates an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended and the rule is hereby suspended and this act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

(2)

Amend the caption so as to hereafter read as follows: "A bill to be entitled An Act to amend Article 6775, Title 117, Chapter 1, of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1911, relating to the transcribing of county records for new counties be amended so as to change the compensa-

tion provided for, and declaring an emergency."

The (committee) amendments were adopted.

Senate bill No. 37 was then passed to a third reading.

SENATE BILL NO. 54 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to a third reading,

S. B. No. 54, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create the Eighty-first Judicial District in the State of Texas, said district to be komposed of the counties of Hall, Donley, Armstrong, and Carson; to fix the jurisdiction of said district court in said district and the terms of court in said several counties in said district, and providing for a judge thereof and a district attorney; reorganizing the Thirty-first, Forty-sixth and Forty-seventh Judicial Districts of Texas; fixing a time of holding court in the Thirty-first, Forty-sixth and Forty-seventh Judicial Districts; to provide that all cases now on the dockets of counties of the district courts of Hall, Donley, Armstrong and Carson counties be transferred to the dockets of the Eighty-first Judicial District created by this act; to provide that the district clerks and sheriffs elected in the counties of Hall, Donley, Armstrong and Carson, and their successors in office be alike the officers of each of said district courts of said county; providing for the return of all process and validation of the same issued or to be issued by the courts of the Thirty-first, Forty-sixth and Forty-seventh Districts in the counties of Hall, Armstrong and Carson be returnable to district court of the Eighty-first Judicial District; to provide for the appointment of the judge of said Eighty-first Judicial District and for the appointment of the district attorney for said Eighty-first Judicial District, and fixing their compensation, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time.

On motion of Mr. Templeton, further consideration of the bill was postponed until 10 o'clock a. m., next Wednesday, February 14th.

SENATE BILL NO. 61 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to a third reading,

S. B. No. 61, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 3420, Chapter 18, Title 52, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas of 1911, providing that no property encumbered by certain liens shall be set aside to the widow or children as exempt property, or appropriated to make up the allowance in lieu of exempt property, or for a year's support, until the debts secured by such liens are first discharged, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time.

Mr. Carlock offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend Senate bill No. 61, page 1, line 39, by striking out after the word "liens" the following clause: "Valid at date of execution," and insert in lieu thereof the following: "Existing at date of acquisition of property."

The amendment was adopted.

Senate bill No. 61 was then passed to a third reading.

SENATE BILL NO. 68 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to a third reading,

S. B. No. 68, A bill to be entitled "An Act defining common carrier pipe lines engaged, or to engage, in the transportation of petroleum oil; declaring all corporations, persons, partnerships, or associations of persons now engaged, or to hereafter engage in transporting petroleum oil from place to place in this State to be common carriers, declaring such common carriers to be public utilities and making them subject to the provisions of this act; giving the Railroad Commission of Texas the power to regulate the rate of such transportation by such common carriers; granting them the right to establish, maintain and operate telegraph and telephone lines upon their rights of way in connection with their business, and to build and maintain their lines under and across or along streams, highways, and streets as other common carriers within this State; and providing against discrimination in favor of or against individuals, associations of persons or corporations in the conduct of their business; requiring them to exchange tonnage with other common carriers, and to receive and transport petroleum oil tendered to them for transportation; empowering said Commission to make rules and regulations for their conduct; and to require

the construction and maintenance by them of loading racks and transfer and delivery stations, and the transfer and delivery of petroleum from such common carrier to another, and to fix the charges therefor, and to define merchantable oil, and to fix the amount of deduction to be made therefrom on account of water and other foreign substances, and on account of evaporation and leakage, and giving said Commission plenary power to make rules and regulations for the control of such carriers, and power to enforce their rules and regulations and the provisions of this act; fixing penalties for the violation of this act, and the rules and orders of said Commission; making certain violations a criminal offense, and fixing the penalty therefor, and providing means for the recovery of such penalties as are not made criminal, either by the State of Texas or the party aggrieved by such violation, naming the tribunal in which such recovery may be had; providing for the employment of an expert to assist the Commission; fixing his salary and making an appropriation therefor; levying a tax to pay such salary and other expenses; repealing all laws in conflict with this act; providing that the invalidity of any part of this act shall not invalidate the remaining parts thereof, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time.

Mr. Cope offered the following (committee) amendment to the bill:

Amend Senate bill No. 68 by inserting after the word "hereof" at the end of Section 1 the following: "But the provisions of this act shall not apply to those pipe lines which are limited in their use to the wells, stations, plants and refineries of the owner and which are not a part of the pipe line transportation system of any common carrier as above defined; nor shall such provisions apply to any property of such a common carrier which is not a part of or necessarily incident to its pipe line transportation system."

The (committee) amendment was adopted.

Senate bill No. 68 was then passed to a third reading.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber,

Austin, Texas, February 8, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to

inform the House that the Senate has passed the following bills:

S. B. No. 85, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 16, of Article 30, of Title 5, of the Revised Statutes of Texas of 1911, so as to declare what counties compose the Sixteenth Judicial District of Texas; to fix the time for holding court in the various counties of said district; to make the process issued or served before this act takes effect, including recognizances and bail bonds, returnable to the terms of court as herein fixed; to repeal all laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency, and fixing a time for this act to take effect."

S. B. No. 227, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 1, Chapter 147, Acts of the Thirty-third Legislature entitled 'An Act authorizing cities having more than five thousand inhabitants by a majority vote of the qualified voters of said city, at an election held for that purpose, to adopt and amend their charters, subject to such limitations as may be prescribed by the Legislature; and enumerating certain powers and providing that the same shall not be exclusive of other powers granted under Constitution and laws of this State; and providing the method by which said election may be held; and amending Article 812, of the Penal Code; and declaring an emergency,' and providing that said Section 1 of said act shall be amended so as to provide that cities and towns may at any time amend their charters for the purpose of levying, assessing and collecting taxes for the purpose of maintaining and carrying on their public free schools, and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 116, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing for the creation of the office of assistant district attorney for the Sixth Judicial District of Texas; defining the duties and qualifications of said office; fixing the bond and salary; and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 100, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 1003, Article 1004 and Article 1005 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas of 1911, relating to the condemnation by incorporated cities and towns and public utility companies or corporations of private property for opening or widening streets, avenues or alleys, or for the construction or extension of gas or electric light plants or waterworks, water mains, supply reservoirs or standpipes for waterworks or sewer, etc., and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 238, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize cities, towns and villages; incorporated under and by vir-

tue of any act of the Congress of the Republic of Texas, general or special, to accept the provisions of Chapter 1 to 13, both inclusive, of Title 22, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas, and amendments of 1911, 1913 and 1915 thereto, upon a two-thirds vote of the city, town or village council thereof to enlarge or diminish, alter or change and redefine the bounds and limits of such cities, towns and villages so as to make them conform to the requirements of Article 777 of the Revised Statutes, and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully,
JOHN D. McCALL,
Secretary of the Senate.

SENATE BILL NO. 71 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to a third reading,

S. B. No. 71, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating and providing for the enforcement of liens for material, machinery or supplies furnished to, or for labor performed for, owners of lands, mines or quarries, or owners of leaseholds for oil, gas, or water wells, for oil or gas pipe lines and rights of way, or for mining or quarrying purposes, and for materials, machinery, supplies or labor for the construction, maintenance, operation or repair of oil, gas, or water wells, or for oil or gas pipe lines, mines or quarries, and prohibiting the sale or removal of property subject to such liens without the consent of the lienholders, and providing a penalty therefor."

The bill was read second time.

Mr. Robertson offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend Senate bill No. 71 by adding to Section 1 the following: "Nor to the leasehold interest therein unless the lease gives right of assignment."

On motion of Mr. Holland, the amendment was tabled.

Mr. Robertson offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend Senate bill No. 71 by inserting the word "personal" in line 25, page 3, between the words "the" and "property."

On motion of Mr. Holland, the amendment was tabled.

Mr. Holland moved the previous question on the passage of the bill to a third reading, and the main question was ordered.

Senate bill No. 71 was then passed to a third reading.

Mr. Parks moved to reconsider the vote

by which the bill was passed to a third reading, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

SENATE BILL NO. 75 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to a third reading,

S. B. No. 75, A bill to be entitled "An Act to validate titles to school land which has been purchased from the State on condition of settlement and residence in cases where purchaser made settlement thereon and filed his affidavit of settlement in the General Land Office but transferred the land before the expiration of one year from the date of award to another qualified purchaser; in cases where the purchaser settled on the land within the time required by law but failed to file in the General Land Office his affidavit of settlement within the time required by law; in cases where the purchaser failed to settle on the land within ninety days from the date of award but actually settled on the land and filed his affidavit of settlement in the General Land Office as required by law; and in cases where the purchaser has been prevented from making settlement by being called into the militia service of the State or United States, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time.

Mr. Bryan offered the following (committee) amendments to the bill:

(1)

Amend Senate bill No. 75 by inserting in line 9, Section 2, after the word "law," the following words: "Or who before the expiration of three years from date of award transferred the land but completed the occupancy and obtained a certificate of occupancy."

(2)

Amend the caption by inserting in line 12 after the word "law" the following words: "Or who before the expiration of three years from date of award transferred the land but completed the occupancy and obtained a certificate of occupancy."

The (committee) amendments were severally adopted.

Senate bill No. 75 was then passed to a third reading.

SENATE BILL NO. 83 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on

its second reading and passage to a third reading,

S. B. No. 83, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 1307, Chapter 24, Title 25, Revised Civil Statutes of 1911, as amended by Chapter 152 of the General Laws passed by the Thirty-fourth Legislature, approved April 7, 1915, relating to corporations formed for the purpose of storing, transporting, buying and selling oil and gas and other products, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time.

Mr. Thompson of Red River moved to postpone further consideration of the bill until Wednesday, February 21st, and the motion to postpone was lost.

Question recurring on the passage of the bill to a third reading, yeas and nays were demanded.

The bill was passed to a third reading by the following vote:

Yeas—87.

Bagby.	Low
Beard of Milam.	of Washington.
Beason.	McComb.
Bedell.	McCoy.
Blackburn.	McDowra.
Blackmon.	McMillin.
Blalock.	Martin.
Bledsoe.	Mendell.
Boner.	Metcalf.
Brown.	Monday.
Bryan.	Morris.
Burton of Rusk.	Murrell.
Burton of Tarrant.	Neeley.
Canales.	Nichols.
Carlock.	O'Banion.
Cates.	O'Brien.
Cox.	Osborne.
Crudgington.	Parks.
Davis of Dallas.	Peddy.
Davis of Grimes.	Pillow.
Denton.	Poage.
Dudley.	Pope.
Estes.	Richards.
Fairchild.	Robertson.
Fisher.	Roemer.
Florer.	Russell.
Fly.	Sackett.
Greenwood.	Sentell.
Haidusek.	Schlosshan.
Harris.	Scholl.
Hartman.	Sholars.
Hawkins.	Smith of Bastrop.
Hill.	Smith of Scurry.
Holland.	Spradley.
Johnson.	Stewart.
Laas.	Swope.
Laney.	Taylor.
Lange.	Templeton.
Lanier.	Thomason
Lowe	of El Paso.
of McMullen.	Tilson.

Tschoepe.
Valentine.
Wahrmund.
Walker.
Williams
of Brazoria.

Williams
of McLennan.
Wilson.
Woodul.

Nays—38.

Baker.
Bertram.
Bryant.
Butler.
Cadenhead.
Cope.
Davis
of Van Zandt.
De Bogory.
Dodd.
Dunnam.
Fitzpatrick.
Hudspeth.
Jones.
Lee.
Lindemann.
Meador.
Neill.
Peyton.
Raiden.
Reeves.

Rogers.
Sallas.
Schlesinger.
Seawright.
Smith of Hopkins.
Spencer of Nolan.
Terrell.
Thomas.
Thomason
of Nacogdoches.
Thompson
of Hunt.
Thompson
of Red River.
Tinner.
Trayler.
Upchurch.
Veatch.
Williford.
Woods.
Yantis.

Absent.

Beasley.
Bell.
Bland.
Clark.
Hardey.

McFarland.
Miller of Austin.
Nordhaus.
Strayhorn.
Tillotson.

Absent—Excused.

Beard of Harris.
Lacey.
Miller of Dallas.

Moore.
Spencer of Wise.
White.

Mr. Crudgington moved to reconsider the vote by which Senate bill No. 83 was passed to a third reading, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

SENATE BILL NO. 123 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to a third reading,

S. B. No. 123, A bill to be entitled "An Act to make an emergency appropriation for the cost of construction of a fireproof dormitory; to supplement the present available appropriation for the erection of a power plant, and to provide for the maintenance, support and direction of the summer school at the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1917, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to a third reading.

SENATE BILL NO. 133 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to a third reading,

S. B. No. 133, A bill to be entitled "An Act making an appropriation to construct and complete necessary buildings for the new Texas School for the Blind, and to build necessary fences, walks and drives, and to beautify the grounds, and to furnish all necessary apparatus, equipment and furniture, and to pay the expenses of moving in order to have the said school ready for occupancy, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to a third reading.

SENATE BILL NO. 203 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to a third reading,

S. B. No. 203, A bill to be entitled "An Act to make an emergency appropriation to construct and equip a fireproof dormitory, complete the administration building, and to provide summer support for the College of Industrial Arts, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to a third reading.

SENATE BILL NO. 214 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to a third reading,

S. B. No. 214, A bill to be entitled "An Act making emergency appropriation for the support and maintenance of West Texas Normal College to augment the money heretofore appropriated for the regular term of 1917, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to a third reading.

SENATE BILL NO. 217 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to a third reading,

S. B. No. 217, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 155 of the Acts of the Thirty-fourth Legislature; reorganizing the Seventy-fifth Judicial

District of Texas; adding thereto the county of Tyler, and removing said county from the First Judicial District of Texas; fixing the time of holding court in the said Seventy-fifth Judicial District and the Ninth Judicial District; repealing by omitting from this act parts of Sections 1, 2, 3 and 4 of said acts so amended, and repealing entirely Sections 6, 7, 8 and 9 of said act so amended, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to a third reading.

SENATE BILL NO. 107 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to a third reading,

S. B. No. 107, A bill to be entitled "An Act to restore and confer upon the county court of Hansford county the civil and criminal jurisdiction belonging to said court under the Constitution and general statutes of Texas; to define the jurisdiction of said court; to conform the jurisdiction of the district court of said county to said change; to fix the time of holding court, and to repeal all laws in conflict with this act, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to a third reading.

SENATE BILL NO. 152 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to a third reading,

S. B. No. 152, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize and empower Lamar county or any political subdivision or defined district of said county by a vote of two-thirds majority of the resident property taxpayers, qualified voters of such county or political subdivision or defined district thereof, voting thereon, to issue bonds to any amount not exceeding one-fourth of the assessed valuation of the real property of such county or of such political subdivision or defined district, and to levy and collect taxes to pay the interest on such bonds and provide a sinking fund for the redemption thereof, and for the maintenance of said roads during the life of such bonds for the purpose of construction, maintaining and operating macadamized, graveled or paved roads and turnpikes, and prescribing ways and means of conducting and supervising said work, and to repeal Chapter 3 of the Special Acts of the Thirty-first

Legislature and Chapter 15 of the Special Acts of the Thirty-second Legislature, and all other special road laws for Lamar county, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time.

Mr. McDowra offered the following amendment to the bill:

Strike out Section 19 of proposed Lamar county road law and substitute the following:

"Section 19. When the election has been held by the entire county, the board shall first adopt plans for a system of roads for the entire county, consisting of such a number of main and secondary roads as may be required to render accessible and connect the different towns and communities of the county. All roads shall be constructed of such durable material as will be permanent, lasting roads. Roads radiating from the county seat are not to be construed by the board as being the only main roads in the county, but roads connecting other towns or communities are also to be regarded by the board as being main roads under the provisions of this act."

Amend the bill further by striking out Section 36.

The amendment was adopted.

Senate bill No. 152 was then passed to a third reading.

SENATE BILL NO. 211 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to a third reading,

S. B. No. 211, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Crockett Independent School District in Houston county, Texas; defining its boundaries; providing for a board of trustees to manage and control the public free schools within said district; divesting the city of Crockett of the control of its public free schools, and the title of all property now held and used for public school purposes; investing said district with the rights, powers, privileges and duties of a town or village incorporated for free school purposes only under the general laws; creating the trustees of said independent school district as a board of equalization thereof, and conferring upon them powers, and so forth, given by the general laws, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to a third reading.

HOUSE BILL NO. 21 ON THIRD
READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 21, A bill to be entitled "An Act fixing the salaries of judges of the Supreme Court and the Court of Criminal Appeals and the judges of the Courts of Civil Appeals and of the district courts of this State, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time.

On motion of Mr. Robertson, further consideration of the bill was postponed until next Friday, February 16th.

HOUSE BILL NO. 33 ON THIRD
READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 33, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating for Dallas county an additional county court at law; providing a name therefor; prescribing the jurisdiction thereof; providing for the election and qualification of the judge thereof; fixing the judge's compensation; specifying the terms of said court; prescribing the fees to be collected by the judge thereof; prescribing the powers and duties of the judge thereof, etc."

The bill was read third time and was passed.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, February 8, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has passed the following bill:

S. B. No. 278, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Articles 2440, 2441, 2442, 2443, 2444 and 2445, Chapter 2, Title 44, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas of 1911, providing for county depositories; providing that the amount of the bond of the county depository shall in no event be for less than the total amount of revenue of the county for the next preceding year; adding Article 2443a, providing and requiring special additional bonds to cover any or all special funds, including the sale, or sales, of bonds belonging to the county, or a subscription thereof; providing for the substitution of bonds under the provisions of this act for bonds now in existence, and declaring an emergency."

The Senate has adopted Senate Con-

current Resolution No. 14, authorizing the Comptroller of Public Accounts to distribute currency now in his office issued by the Republic of Texas.

Respectfully,

JOHN D. McCALL,
Secretary of the Senate.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS SIGNED
BY THE SPEAKER.

The Speaker signed, in the presence of the House, after giving due notice thereof, and their captions had been read severally, the following enrolled bills and resolutions:

H. C. R. No. 6, Expressing confidence in President Woodrow Wilson and advising him of loyalty of Texans.

H. C. R. No. 9, Extending invitation to surviving members of the Ninth Legislature.

H. B. No. 11, "An Act to amend Article 1874 and Article 1875, Chapter 6, Title 37, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to citations by publication against a defendant who is a non-resident of the State, or who is absent from the State, or who is a transient person, or whose residence is unknown or who is the unknown heir of a deceased person, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. N. 12, "An Act to amend Article 1905, Chapter 8, Title 37, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas relating to the time when the answer in case of citation by publication shall be filed, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 57, "An Act to amend Chapter 60 of the Acts of the Thirty-third Legislature, passed at its Regular Session and approved March 20, 1913, providing for a special road law for Hunt county, etc., and declaring an emergency."

HOUSE BILL NO. 39 ON THIRD
READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 39, A bill to be entitled "An Act to relieve the crowded condition of the dockets of the Supreme Court by further regulating the mode in which and the conditions on which judgments of the Courts of Civil Appeals may be brought before the Supreme Court for revision, granting additional powers to the Chief Justice and Associate Justices of the Supreme Court and of the Courts of Civil Appeals, as incidental to the offices held by them; providing for com-

pensation of certain justices of the Courts of Civil Appeals while acting as herein provided, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time.

(Mr. Mendell in the chair.)

The Clerk was directed to call the roll, and House bill No. 39 was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—119.

Baker.	Lowe
Beard of Milam.	of McMullen.
Beason.	Low
Bedell.	of Washington.
Bell.	McComb.
Bertram.	McCoy.
Blackburn.	McDowra.
Blackmon.	McFarland
Blalock.	McMillin.
Brown.	Martin.
Bryan.	Meador.
Bryant.	Mendell.
Burton of Rusk.	Metcalfe.
Burton of Tarrant.	Monday.
Butler.	Morris.
Cadenhead.	Murrell.
Canales.	Neeley.
Carlock.	Neill.
Cates.	Nichols.
Clark.	Nordhaus.
Cox.	O'Banion.
Crudgington.	O'Brien.
Davis of Dallas.	Osborne.
Davis of Grimes.	Parks.
Davis	Peddy.
of Van Zandt.	Peyton.
De Bogory.	Pillow.
Denton.	Poage.
Dodd.	Reeves.
Dudley.	Richards.
Dunnam.	Robertson.
Estes.	Roemer.
Fairchild.	Rogers.
Fisher.	Sackett.
Fitzpatrick.	Sallas.
Florer.	Sentell.
Fly.	Schlesinger.
Greenwood.	Schlosshan.
Haidusek.	Scholl.
Hardey.	Seawright.
Harris.	Sholars.
Hartman.	Smith of Bastrop.
Hawkins.	Smith of Hopkins.
Hill.	Smith of Scurry.
Holland.	Spencer of Nolan.
Hudspeth.	Spradley.
Johnson.	Stewart.
Jones.	Strayhorn.
Laas.	Swope.
Laney.	Taylor.
Lange.	Terrell.
Lanier.	Thomas.
Lee.	Thomason
Lindemann.	of El Paso.

Thomason	Valentine.
of Nacogdoches.	Veatch.
Thompson	Wahrmund.
of Hunt.	Walker.
Thompson	Williams
of Red River.	of McLennan.
Tillotson.	Wilson.
Tilson.	Woodul.
Trayler.	Yantis.
Tschoepe.	

Nays—6.

Beasley.	Raiden.
Boner.	Tinner.
Cope.	Upchurch.

Present—Not Voting.

Woods.

Absent.

Bagby.	Templeton.
Bland.	Williams
Miller of Austin.	of Brazoria.
Pope.	Williford.
Russell.	

Absent—Excused.

Beard of Harris.	Moore.
Bledsoe.	Spencer of Wise.
Lacey.	White.
Miller of Dallas.	

Mr. Carlock moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

(Speaker in the chair.)

HOUSE BILL NO. 43 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage, H. B. No. 43, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Sections 1 and 2 of Chapter 20 of the Acts of the First Called Sessions of the Thirty-fourth Legislature of Texas, 1915, relating to the pay of jail guards, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time.

Mr. Bertram offered the following amendment to the bill:

Strike out "forty thousand" in line 22, Section 2, and insert in lieu thereof "sixty thousand."

Mr. Fairchild moved to table the amendment, and the motion to table was lost.

Mr. Beason offered the following substitute for the amendment:

Amend Section 2 of the bill by striking out the words "forty thousand population," and substitute "sixty thousand

population, unless said county have a city of twenty-five thousand population."

The substitute was adopted.

The amendment as substituted was adopted.

House bill No. 43 was then passed.

HOUSE BILL NO. 63 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage, H. B. No. 63, A bill to be entitled "An Act granting to the city of Corpus Christi, Texas, all right, title and interest of the State of Texas to certain land lying and being situated under the waters of Corpus Christi Bay; and granting to said city of Corpus Christi the right, power and authority to construct, own and maintain certain sea walls, breakwaters and dams, and to fill in the space between the main land and said sea walls, breakwaters and dams with sand dredge, spoil or other material; and granting to the city of Corpus Christi the right to take from Corpus Christi Bay such sand dredge, spoil or other material as may be necessary or desirable for filling in said space; and authorizing said city of Corpus Christi to remove and abate any encroachments or structure existing on said property east of the line; fixing the limit, riparian rights and to bring suit or suits as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this act; and granting to said city of Corpus Christi the right to fix a shipping district and to purchase, construct, own and maintain piers and wharves, and to grant franchises therefor into the waters of Corpus Christi Bay beyond said sea walls, breakwaters and dam upon vote of the people of said city; also fixing the rights of the riparian owners, and granting the right of eminent domain and reserving all mineral rights to the State, requiring two dollars per acre to be paid for said land, and the disposing of said funds; fixing the time to begin construction, and providing for ratification."

The bill was read third time.

Mr. Pope offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 63 by striking out the word "twelve" in line 23, page 6, and insert in lieu thereof the word "eleven."

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Pope offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 63 by striking out all of Section 11 of the bill.

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Pope offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 63 by striking out words, "providing for ratification," and inserting the words "declaring an emergency," in line 28, page 1.

The amendment was adopted.

House bill No. 63 was then passed.

HOUSE BILL NO. 65 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 65, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Eightieth Judicial District of Texas, to be composed of Nueces county, Texas; to fix the jurisdiction of said district court in said district and the terms of court in said district; to provide for a judge thereof, and for a district attorney; to limit the existence of said court; to fix the time of holding the terms of court in said district; to empower the judge of the Eightieth Judicial Court created by this act and the judge of the Twenty-eighth Judicial District in Nueces county to transfer causes from their respective dockets to the dockets of the other courts in said Nueces county; to provide for the transfer of causes pending on the docket of the Twenty-eighth Judicial District to the docket of the Eightieth Judicial District created by this act; to provide that the district clerk and sheriff elected in Nueces county, Texas, and their successors in office, be also the officers of the Eightieth Judicial District created by this act and the Twenty-eighth Judicial District as it now exists; and providing for the return of all process and for the validation of the same issued or to be issued out of either the Twenty-eighth Judicial District Court in and for Nueces county, Texas, or for the Eightieth District Court created by this act; to provide for the appointment of a judge for the said Eightieth Judicial District; to provide for a district attorney for said Eightieth Judicial District, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time.

Mr. Pope offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 65 by striking out the word "Eightieth" wherever it

appears in the bill and insert in lieu thereof the word "Eighty-fourth."

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Pope offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 65 by striking out the word "Eightieth" wherever it appears in the caption and insert in lieu thereof the word "Eighty-fourth."

The amendment was adopted.

The Clerk was directed to call the roll, and the bill was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—100.

Mr. Speaker.	McFarland.
Beard of Milam.	McMillin.
Beasley.	Martin.
Beason.	Meador.
Bedell.	Mendell.
Bertram.	Metcalf.
Blackburn.	Monday.
Blackmon.	Morris.
Bland.	Neeley.
Boner.	Nichols.
Brown.	Nordhaus.
Bryan.	O'Banion.
Burton of Rusk.	Osborne.
Burton of Tarrant.	Parks.
Canales.	Peyton.
Carlock.	Pillow.
Cox.	Poage.
Crudgington.	Pope.
Davis of Grimes.	Richards.
Davis	Robertson.
of Van Zandt.	Roemer.
De Bogory.	Sackett.
Denton.	Sallas.
Dodd.	Sentell.
Dudley.	Schlesinger.
Dunnam.	Schlosshan.
Estes.	Sholars.
Fairchild.	Smith of Bastrop.
Fisher.	Smith of Scurry.
Fitzpatrick.	Spencer of Nolan.
Florer.	Spradley.
Fly.	Stewart.
Greenwood.	Strayhorn.
Harris.	Swope.
Hartman.	Taylor.
Hawkins.	Templeton.
Hill.	Thomas.
Holland.	Thomason
Hudspeth.	of El Paso.
Johnson.	Thomason
Jones.	of Nacogdoches.
Laas.	Thompson
Laney.	of Hunt.
Lange.	Thompson
Lanier.	of Red River.
Lee.	Tillotson.
Lindemann.	Tschoepe.
Lowe	Valentine.
of McMullen.	Wahrmund.
McComb.	Walker.
McCoy.	White.

Williams	Woods.
of Brazoria.	Yantis.
Williford.	

Nays—19.

Baker.	Raiden.
Blalock.	Reeves.
Butler.	Rogers.
Cadenhead.	Smith of Hopkins.
Davis of Dallas.	Terrell.
Haidusek.	Tinner.
McDowra.	Trayler.
Murrell.	Veatch.
Neill.	Wilson.
O'Brien.	

Present—Not Voting.

Tilson.

Absent.

Bagby.	Miller of Austin.
Bell.	Peddy.
Bryant.	Russell.
Cates.	Scholl.
Clark.	Seawright.
Cope.	Upchurch.
Hardey.	Williams
Low	of McLennan.
of Washington.	Woodul.

Absent—Excused.

Beard of Harris.	Miller of Dallas.
Bledsoe.	Moore.
Lacey.	Spencer of Wise.

HOUSE BILL NO. 127 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 127, A bill to be entitled "An Act to render unlawful the issue of road warrants or other evidence of indebtedness, except bonds as provided in Article 605 of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, for the purpose of laying out, constructing, maintaining or repairing any road or bridge, unless the same be payable during the current year for which it is issued, and not in excess of the amount that can be paid out of the current funds of the county for such year."

The bill was read third time.

Mr. Taylor offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 127 by adding on line 23 the following: "Provided nothing in this act shall be construed to affect in any manner whatsoever any valid contract now in force."

Signed—Taylor, Sackett.

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Taylor offered the following amendment to the bill:

Further amend the bill by adding Sec-

tion 2: "Provided that in case of emergency, that the commissioners court may issue warrants to repair any road or bridge in any sum not exceeding five thousand (\$5000) dollars."

Signed—Taylor, Sackett.

The amendment was lost.

House bill No. 127 was then passed.

HOUSE BILL NO. 138 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 138, A bill to be entitled "An Act to be known as the interchangeable jury law, to regulate the selection, organization and custody of juries in all cases except capital and lunacy cases in counties where there are now three or may hereafter be established three or more district courts, and to repeal all laws in conflict herewith."

The bill was read third time and was passed.

HOUSE BILL NO. 597 ON SECOND READING.

On motion of Mr. Smith of Scurry, by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended to take up and have placed on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 597, A bill to be entitled "An Act to reorganize the Thirty-second, Thirty-ninth and Seventieth Judicial Districts so as to declare what counties compose the Thirty-second, Thirty-ninth and Seventieth Judicial Districts; to fix the time for holding court in the various counties of said districts; to make all process issued to serve before this act takes effect, including recognizances and bonds, returnable to the terms of court as herein fixed and continuing in office judges and district attorneys in each of said districts; to repeal all laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House, it was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 597 ON THIRD READING.

Mr. Smith of Scurry moved that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that House bill No. 597 be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—114.

Bagby.	Neill.
Baker.	Nichols.
Beard of Milam.	Nordhaus.
Beasley.	O'Banion.
Beason.	O'Brien.
Bedell.	Osborne.
Bertram.	Parks.
Blackburn.	Peddy.
Blackmon.	Peyton.
Blalock.	Pope.
Bland.	Raiden.
Boner.	Reeves.
Brown.	Richards.
Burton of Rusk.	Robertson.
Burton of Tarrant.	Roemer.
Butler.	Rogers.
Cadenhead.	Sackett.
Canales.	Sallas.
Carlock.	Sentell.
Clark.	Schlesinger.
Cope.	Schlosshan.
Cox.	Sholars.
Crudgington.	Smith of Bastrop.
Davis of Dallas.	Smith of Hopkins.
Davis	Smith of Scurry.
of Van Zandt.	Spencer of Nolan.
De Bogory.	Spradley.
Denton.	Stewart.
Dodd.	Strayhorn.
Dudley.	Swope.
Dunnam.	Taylor.
Estes.	Templeton.
Fairchild.	Terrell.
Fisher.	Thomas.
Fitzpatrick.	Thomason
Florer.	of El Paso.
Fly.	Thomason
Greenwood.	of Nacogdoches.
Haidusek.	Thompson
Hardey.	of Hunt.
Harris.	Thompson
Hartman.	of Red River.
Hawkins.	Tillotson.
Holland.	Tilson.
Hudspeth.	Tinner.
Johnson.	Trayler.
Laas.	Tschoepe.
Lange.	Upchurch.
Lanier.	Valentine.
Lee.	Veatch.
McComb.	Wahrmond.
McCoy.	Walker.
McDowra.	White.
McFarland.	Williams
McMillin.	of Brazoria.
Martin.	Williford.
Mendell.	Wilson.
Metcalfe.	Woods.
Morris.	Woodul.
Murrell.	Yantis.

Absent.

Bill.	Cates.
Bryan.	Davis of Grimes.
Bryant.	Hill.

Jones.	Monday.
Laney.	Neeley.
Lindemann.	Pillow.
Lowe	Poage.
of McMullen.	Russell.
Low	Scholl.
of Washington.	Seawright.
Meador.	Williams
Miller of Austin.	of McLennan.

Absent—Excused.

Beard of Harris.	Miller of Dallas.
Bledsoe.	Moore.
Lacey.	Spencer of Wise.

The Speaker then laid the bill before the House, and it was read third time.

The Clerk was directed to call the roll, and the bill was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—116.

Mr. Speaker.	Laas.
Baker.	Lange.
Beard of Milam.	Lanier.
Beasley.	Lee.
Beason.	McComb.
Bedell.	McCoy.
Bertram.	McDowra.
Blackburn.	McFarland.
Blackmon.	McMillin.
Blalock.	Martin.
Bland.	Meador.
Boner.	Mendell.
Brown.	Metcalfe.
Burton of Rusk.	Morris.
Burton of Tarrant.	Murrell.
Butler.	Neill.
Cadenhead.	Nordhaus.
Canales.	O'Banion.
Carlock.	O'Brien.
Clark.	Osborne.
Cope.	Parks.
Cox.	Peddy.
Crudgington.	Peyton.
Davis of Dallas.	Poage.
De Bogory.	Pope.
Denton.	Raiden.
Dodd.	Reeves.
Dudley.	Richards.
Dunnam.	Robertson.
Estes.	Roemer.
Fairchild.	Rogers.
Fisher.	Russell.
Fitzpatrick.	Sackett.
Florer.	Sallas.
Fly.	Sentell.
Greenwood.	Schlesinger.
Haidusek.	Schlosshan.
Hardey.	Scholl.
Harris.	Seawright.
Hartman.	Sholars.
Hawkins.	Smith of Bastrop.
Holland.	Smith of Hopkins.
Hudspeth.	Smith of Scurry.
Johnson.	Spencer of Nolan.

Stewart.	Trayler.
Swope.	Tschoepe.
Taylor.	Upchurch.
Templeton.	Valentine.
Terrell.	Veatch.
Thomas.	Wahrmund.
Thomason	Walker.
of El Paso.	White.
Thomason	Williams
of Nacogdoches.	of Brazoria.
Thompson	Williams
of Hunt.	of McLennan.
Thompson	Williford.
of Red River.	Wilson.
Tillotson.	Woods.
Tilson.	Woodul.
Tinner.	Yantis.

Absent.

Bagby.	Lowe
Bell.	of McMullen.
Bryan.	Low
Bryant.	of Washington.
Cates.	Miller of Austin.
Davis of Grimes.	Monday.
Davis	Neeley.
of Van Zandt.	Nichols.
Hill.	Pillow.
Jones.	Spradley.
Laney.	Strayhorn.
Lindemann.	

Absent—Excused.

Beard of Harris.	Miller of Dallas.
Bledsoe.	Moore.
Lacey.	Spencer of Wise.

HOUSE BILL NO. 409 ON SECOND READING.

On motion of Mr. Blalock, by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended to take up and have placed on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 409, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Articles 3883 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas of 1911, relating to fees of county officers."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House, it was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 49 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 49, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 6 of Chapter 41 of the Special Laws of the Regular Session of the Twenty-seventh Legislature, entitled 'An Act to create a more efficient road system for Coryell county,

Texas, etc., as the same was amended by an act of the Thirtieth Legislature, known as House bill No. 339, and as the same was amended by Chapter 62 of the Regular Session of the Thirty-fourth Legislature; providing that any citizen of Coryell county liable to road duty who shall pay to the county treasurer the sum of three dollars by the second Tuesday in February of each year shall be exempt from road duty for such year, and providing that any person liable to road duty who fails to pay such tax shall be required to pay the sum of one dollar for every day he fails to appear and work the road, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time and was passed.

HOUSE BILL NO. 68 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 68, A bill to be entitled "An Act to require the Governor of Texas to appoint an inspector of hides and animals in Nueces county, Texas, and to place said county under the provisions of Articles 7256 to 7304, both inclusive, Revised Civil Statutes of 1911, and providing for the fees for inspector appointed by Governor, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time and was passed.

HOUSE BILL NO. 474 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 474, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating and incorporating the Wilson Independent School District, in Lynn county, Texas, and defining the boundaries thereof, etc., and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time and was passed.

HOUSE BILL NO. 238 ON SECOND READING.

On motion of Mr. Williams of Brazoria, by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended to take up and have placed on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 238, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize the commissioners courts of the several counties of Texas to create and establish water improvement districts, to construct reser-

voirs, dams, canals, laterals, ditches, pumping plants and other internal improvements necessary to irrigation systems; to order and hold elections for the purpose of voting on irrigation propositions and establishment of such districts; and provide for the careful government and operation of such districts; and authorize such districts to issue bonds and assess property for taxation, and to levy and collect taxes in payment of bonds issued for such irrigation improvements and the maintenance thereof, and authorize such districts to levy assessments for the maintenance thereof, and to assess and collect taxes for the payment of bonds issued or interest thereof, and the expenses of assessing and collecting such taxes; authorizing the election of directors and assessors and collectors, and authorizing the appointment of all other necessary officers, attorneys, managers, engineers and employes of such district for the purpose of carrying into effect the provisions of this act; providing for determining the lands included in said district and the addition of other territory to same, and the exclusion of territory from same; granting right of eminent domain for such district and authorizing such districts to acquire by purchase, gift, grant or condemnation for such district, the title of any right-of-way and other necessary property, and providing for the payment therefor; providing for the acquiring of water rights for such districts, and providing for the distribution of water by such districts, and the sale of water; authorizing such districts to do all things necessary for the establishment and maintenance of such districts, and construction and maintenance of all necessary improvements; and to levy and collect assessments for the maintenance thereof; providing for the selection of depositories, for the maintenance of an office, for the keeping of books and accounts by such district; fixing a lien and penalties to enforce the collection of taxes; fixing a lien and penalty to enforce the collection of assessments; providing for the filing of suits to establish the validity of the formation of such districts, and providing for the Attorney General of the State to file answers in such proceedings, and fixing the venue of such actions; authorizing the addition of territory within two or more counties to establish districts, and authorizing the formation of districts including territory in two or

more counties, providing for election in such district and the method of making returns and declaring the result of such election; providing that suit may be instituted in the name of the State of Texas by the Attorney General; providing for the distribution of water among the water users of such districts; providing generally a complete system for the formation of water improvement districts, the governing of such districts, and the dissolution of such districts; providing that such districts may acquire existing drainage improvements and pay the debts of same; providing that such districts may construct drainage ditches and improvements and may construct levees and may pay for all such improvements; providing for the validation and continuing in force of all irrigation districts heretofore formed and now existing in the State of Texas; repealing an act of the Thirty-third Legislature, being Chapter 172 of said Acts of 1913 of the State of Texas, and declaring an emergency."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House, and it was read second time.

Mr. Canales offered the (committee) amendment to the bill.

The (committee) amendment was adopted; and, on motion of Mr. Canales, by unanimous consent, it was ordered not printed in the Journal.

Mr. Canales offered the following (committee) amendment to the caption of the bill:

Amend the bill by striking out the caption and inserting the following:

"A bill to be entitled An Act to authorize the commissioners courts of the several counties of Texas to create and establish defined districts for irrigation purposes to be known as water improvement districts; empower such districts to construct reservoirs, dams, canals, laterals, ditches, pumping plants and other internal improvements necessary to irrigation systems; to order and hold elections for the purpose of voting on irrigation propositions and establishment of such districts; and to provide for the careful government and operation of such districts; and to authorize such districts to issue bonds and assess property for taxation, and to levy and collect taxes in payment of bonds issued for such irrigation improvements and the maintenance thereof, and authorize such districts to levy assessments for the operation and maintenance thereof, and to assess and collect taxes for the payment

of bonds issued and interest thereon, and the expense of assessing and collecting such taxes; authorizing the election of directors and authorizing the appointment of tax assessors and collectors and all other necessary officers, attorneys, managers, engineers and employees of such districts for the purpose of carrying into effect the provisions of this act; providing for determining the lands included in said districts and the addition of other territory to same, and the exclusion of territory from same; granting right of eminent domain for such districts and authorizing such districts to acquire by purchase, gift, grant or condemnation for such district, the title to any right-of-way and other necessary property, and providing for the payment thereof; providing for the acquiring of water rights for such districts, and providing for the distribution of water by such districts, and the sale of water; authorizing such districts to do all things necessary for the establishment and maintenance of such districts, and construction and maintenance of all necessary improvements, and to levy and collect assessments for the operation and maintenance thereof; providing for the selection of depositories for the maintenance of an office, for the keeping of books and accounts by such district; fixing a lien and penalties to enforce the collection of taxes; fixing a lien and penalty to enforce the collection of assessments; providing for the filing of suits to establish the validity of the formation of such districts, and providing for the Attorney General of the State to file answers in such proceedings, and fixing the venue of such actions; authorizing the addition of territory within two or more counties to establish districts, and authorizing the formation of districts including territory in two or more counties, providing for election in such districts and the method of making returns and declaring the result of such election; providing that suit may be instituted in the name of the State of Texas by the Attorney General; providing for the distribution of water among the water users of such districts; providing generally a complete system for the formation of water improvement districts, the governing of such districts, and the dissolution of such districts; providing that such districts may acquire existing drainage improvement and pay the debts of same; providing that such districts may con-

struct drainage ditches and improvements and may construct levees and may pay for all such improvements; providing for the validation and continuing in force of all irrigation districts heretofore formed and now existing in the State of Texas; repealing an act of the Thirty-third Legislature, being Chapter 172 of said Acts of 1913, of the State of Texas; providing for changing the name of irrigation districts; providing for cancelling and reissuing irrigation district bonds and water improvement district bonds; authorizing such districts to enter into contract with the United States or the officers thereof for the building, rental and operation of irrigation works and for other purposes; relating to the terms of such contracts and the means of carrying out the same; of collecting taxes and other charges thereupon and disbursing the same; providing for sale of bonds, repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

The (committee) amendment was adopted.

Mr. Canales offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend bill, page 5, by striking out Section 8 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"It shall be the duty of the tax collector of the county before a water improvement district is formed, and of the tax collector of said district after its organization, to make out a certified list of the property taxpayers of said district, and to furnish same to the presiding judge of the election, and before any person is entitled to vote at any election under this act, his name must appear in said certified list of property taxpayers, unless such person acquired property in said district after the 1st day of January of the preceding year, and in such event before he shall be permitted to vote he must take the following oath, to be administered by the presiding judge of the polling place where he offers to vote, and for such purpose the presiding judge is hereby authorized to administer same: 'I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I am a qualified voter of . . . county, and that I am a resident property taxpayer of the district or proposed district; that I was not subject to pay property tax in said district for the preceding year and have not voted before at this election.'"

The amendment was adopted.

House bill No. 238 was then passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 259 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 259, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create a more efficient road system for McCulloch county, Texas; defining the powers and duties of the commissioners court of said county in adopting such system, and providing for the condemnation of lands for opening, changing, widening, ditching, making embankments or fills or draining water away from the public roads in said county; providing that the commissioners of said county be ex-officio road commissioners, defining their powers and duties and providing for their compensation; providing that road hands may be assigned to such roads as may be deemed best by the road commissioners of the precinct or the commissioners court of said county; providing for road overseers to call out hands on twenty-four hours notice, and providing for penalty for failure to call out hands when notified to do so; for the payment of overseers working overtime; for the release of road hands by the payment of money; creating a penal offense for the obstruction of ditches or drainways and diverting surface water or streams into public roads of said county, and providing a penalty; making this law cumulative of the general laws, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 300 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 300, A bill to be entitled "An Act to increase the authority and duties of the commissioners court of Calhoun County, Texas, and of the county commissioners of said county; to require said county commissioners to devote their entire time and attention to the affairs of said county and to fix the salary for the members of said commissioners court, and repealing all laws, general and special, in conflict with the provisions of this act, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 429 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 429, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Pleasanton Independent School District covering the same territory heretofore known as Common School District No. 1 in Atascosa county, Texas, and defining its boundaries, etc., and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 440 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 440, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 11 of the Special Laws of Texas, passed by the First Called Session of the Thirty-fourth Legislature, approved June 4, 1915, being 'An Act incorporating and creating the Fulbright Independent School District in Red River county, Texas, for free school purposes only,' etc., and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time.

Mr. Thompson of Red River offered the following amendments to the bill:

(1)

Amend House bill No. 440, Section 1, line 4, by adding between the words "follows" and "that" the words "Section 1."

(2)

Amend House bill No. 440 by adding at the end of the caption the following: "Extending the boundaries of the said Fulbright Independent School District so as to take in additional territory."

The amendments were severally adopted.

House bill No. 440 was then passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 443 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 443, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 7235, Chapter 6, Title 124, of the Revised Statutes of Texas of 1911, and to amend Chapter 72, House bill No. 827, General Laws of the Thirty-third Legislature, page

131, and to amend Chapter 99, House bill No. 418, General Laws of the Thirty-fourth Legislature, page 152, with reference to the mode of preventing horses and certain other animals from running at large in the counties named, so as to include El Paso county, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 469 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 469, A bill to be entitled "An Act to establish Common School District No. 4 in San Patricio county, Texas; extending its boundaries so as to include certain lands heretofore in Common School District No. 1 of said county; providing that such parts of Common School District No. 1 of San Patricio county as may hereafter be included in Common School District No. 4 shall continue to be subject to taxation for the payment of principal and interest of any common school district school house bonds that may have heretofore been issued by Common School District No. 1, and remaining unpaid; conferring upon the board of county trustees the power to subdivide said district, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 484 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 484, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 7235, Chapter 6 of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1911, relating to the mode of preventing horses and certain other animals running at large in particular counties named, as amended by Chapter 72 of the General Laws of the Regular Session of the Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Texas, so as to include Terrell, Collingsworth, Clay, Dimmit, Gregg, Lamb, Nacogdoches, Matagorda, Tom Green, Lipscomb, Maverick and Zavala counties under the provisions of said article, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time.

Mr. Harris offered the following amendments to the bill:

(1)

Amend House bill No. 484 by adding the counties of Grimes, Bandera, Kimble, Real, Edwards, Menard, Sutton, Crockett, Terrell, Kleberg, Maverick, and amend caption by adding above counties to same.

(2)

Amend House bill No. 484 by adding to the caption of the bill the counties included in committee amendments.

(3)

Amend House bill No. 484 by striking out "Zavala county" from the bill. The amendments were severally adopted.

House bill No. 484 was then passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 509 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 509, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Blanket Independent School District in Brown and Comanche counties, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 512 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 512, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create the office of county road supervisor for Mills county, and prescribing the method for his appointment, duties and salary, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 516 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 516, A bill to be entitled "An Act to define the duties of county commissioners of San Patricio county, Texas, relating to the appointment and supervision of road overseers in defined road districts, and fixing the compensation of the commissioners of San Pa-

tricio county, Texas, when acting as ex-officio road commissioners, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 539 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 539, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating and incorporating Lipscomb Independent School District, in Lipscomb county, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 550 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 550, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create a more efficient road system for Caldwell county; providing for the employment of a county road superintendent, etc., and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 553 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 553, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 7305 of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1911, relating to the inspection of hides and animals, so as to include among the counties exempted from the provisions of Articles 7256 to 7304, inclusive, the counties of Coke, Irion, Reagan, Sterling, Tom Green and Upton."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 554 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 554, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create the Chappell Independent School District in Madison county, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 559 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 559, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Barnhart Independent School District in Irion county, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 463 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 463, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 19, Chapter 67, of the Regular Session of the Thirty-second Legislature, which was approved March 11, 1911, relating to the term of the office of the Criminal District attorney of Harris county, and to amend Section 22 of the act mentioned, as originally passed and as amended by Chapter 14 of the General Laws of the Regular Session of the Thirty-fourth Legislature, relating to the pay of the Assistant Criminal District Attorneys of said county, repealing all laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 574 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 574, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 2 of an act creating the Jourdanton Independent School District in Atascosa county, Texas, being Chapter 79 of the Thirty-second Legislature of Texas, increasing the territory of said district; to amend Section 8 of said act, providing for the appointment of an assessor and collector for said district; to amend Section 23 of said act providing for the appointment of a board of equalization, and prescribing its powers and duties; to amend Section 24 of said act regulating the time of payment of taxes, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 576 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 576, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Sections 24 and 25 of an act of the Legislature of Texas, approved March 24, 1911, and entitled 'An Act creating a more efficient road system for Anderson county, Texas, etc.'"

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 596 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 596, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Maydelle Independent School District in Cherokee county, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 602 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 602, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Buna Independent School District known as Common School District No. 13, in Jasper county, Texas, and defining its boundaries, etc., and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 487 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 487, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create a more efficient road system for Gillespie county, Texas, and making the commissioners of said county ex-officio road commissioners in their respective precincts, and prescribing their duties as such, and providing for the compensation of road commissioners, etc., and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time.

Mr. Martin offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 487 by inserting

in line 11 of the typewritten bill, Section 3, after "said court shall have full power and authority to discontinue all roads" the following: "or parts of roads."

The amendment was adopted.

House bill No. 487 was then passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 470 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage, H. B. No. 470, A bill to be entitled "An Act to enlarge the territory of the Port Arthur Independent School District, so as hereafter to include a portion of Common School District No. 11 of Jefferson county, and providing that the territory so to be annexed to the Port Arthur Independent School District shall continue to pay its pro rata of taxes levied or to be levied for the payment of the interest and sinking fund of the bonds now outstanding of Common School District No. 11, and for the manner of their assessment and collection, etc., and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time.

The Clerk was directed to call the roll, and the bill was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—114.

Bagby.	Dodd.
Baker.	Dudley.
Beard of Milam.	Dunnam.
Beasley.	Estes.
Beason.	Fisher.
Bedell.	Fitzpatrick.
Bertram.	Florer.
Blackburn.	Fly.
Blackmon.	Greenwood.
Blalock.	Haidusek.
Bland.	Hardey.
Boner.	Harris.
Brown.	Hartman.
Bryan.	Hawkins.
Bryant.	Holland.
Burton of Rusk.	Hudspeth.
Burton of Tarrant.	Laas.
Butler.	Lange.
Cadenhead.	Lanier.
Canales.	Lee.
Carlock.	Lindemann.
Cates.	Low
Clark.	of Washington.
Cope.	McComb.
Cox.	McCoy.
Crudgington.	McDowra.
Davis of Dallas.	McFarland.
Davis of Grimes.	McMillin.
De Bogory.	Martin.
Denton.	Mendell.

Monday.	Taylor.
Morris.	Templeton.
Murrell.	Terrell.
Neeley.	Thomas.
Neill.	Thomason
Nichols.	of El Paso.
O'Banion.	Thomason
O'Brien.	of Nacogdoches.
Osborne.	Thompson
Parks.	of Hunt.
Peddy.	Thompson
Peyton.	of Red River.
Pope.	Tilson.
Reeves.	Tinner.
Richards.	Trayler.
Robertson.	Tschoepe.
Roemer.	Upchurch.
Rogers.	Valentine.
Sackett.	Veatch.
Sallas.	Wahrmund.
Sentell.	Walker.
Schlesinger.	White.
Scholl.	Williams
Seawright.	of Brazoria.
Sholars.	Williams
Smith of Bastrop.	of McLennan.
Smith of Hopkins.	Williford.
Smith of Scurry.	Wilson.
Spencer of Nolan.	Woods.
Spradley.	Yantis.
Stewart.	

Absent.

Bell.	Metcalf.
Davis	Miller of Austin.
of Van Zandt.	Nordhaus.
Fairchild.	Pillow.
Hill.	Poage.
Johnson.	Raiden.
Jones.	Russell.
Laney.	Schlosshan.
Lowe	Strayhorn.
of McMullen.	Tillotson.
Meador.	Woodul.

Absent—Excused.

Beard of Harris.	Moore.
Bledsoe.	Spencer of Wise.
Lacey.	Swope.
Miller of Dallas.	

HOUSE BILL NO. 479 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage, H. B. No. 479, A bill to be entitled "An Act enlarging and establishing the Liberty Independent School District, in Liberty county, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time.

The Clerk was directed to call the roll, and the bill was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—102.

Bagby.	Neeley.
Baker.	Neill.
Beard of Milam.	Nichols.
Beasley.	O'Banion.
Beason.	O'Brien.
Bertram.	Osborne.
Blackburn.	Parks.
Blackmon.	Peddy.
Blalock.	Peyton.
Boner.	Pope.
Bryan.	Reeves.
Bryant.	Robertson.
Burton of Rusk.	Roemer.
Burton of Tarrant.	Russell.
Butler.	Sackett.
Cadenhead.	Sallas.
Canales.	Sentell.
Carlock.	Schlesinger.
Cates.	Scholl.
Clark.	Seawright.
Cope.	Sholars.
Cox.	Smith of Bastrop.
Crudgington.	Smith of Hopkins.
Davis of Dallas.	Smith of Scurry.
Davis of Grimes.	Spencer of Nolan.
De Bogory.	Spradley.
Denton.	Stewart.
Dodd.	Taylor.
Dudley.	Terrell.
Dunnam.	Thomas.
Estes.	Thomason
Fisher.	of El Paso.
Fitzpatrick.	Thomason
Florer.	of Nacogdoches.
Fly.	Thompson
Greenwood.	of Hunt.
Haidusek.	Thompson
Harris.	of Red River.
Hawkins.	Tilson.
Laas.	Tinner.
Laney.	Trayler.
Lange.	Tschoepe.
Lanier.	Upchurch.
Lee.	Valentine.
Low.	Veatch.
of Washington.	Walker.
McComb.	White.
McCoy.	Williams
McDowra.	of Brazoria.
McFarland.	Williams
McMillin.	of McLennan.
Mendell.	Williford.
Monday.	Wilson.
Morris.	Woods.
Murrell.	

Absent.

Bedell.	Hill.
Bell.	Holland.
Bland.	Hudspeth.
Brown.	Johnson.
Davis	Jones.
of Van Zandt.	Lindemann.
Fairchild.	Lowe
Hardey.	of McMullen.
Hartman.	Martin.

Meador.	Rogers.
Metcalfe.	Schlosshan.
Miller of Austin.	Strayhorn.
Nordhaus.	Templeton.
Pillow.	Tillotson.
Poage.	Wahrmund.
Raiden.	Woodul.
Richards.	Yantis.

Absent—Excused.

Beard of Harris.	Moore.
Bledsoe.	Spencer of Wise.
Lacey.	Swope.
Miller of Dallas.	

HOUSE BILL NO. 393 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 393, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 42 of Article 30, Title 5, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, so as to provide for the holding of four terms of district court in Taylor and Eastland counties, changing the time of holding court in Stephens, Callahan and Shackelford counties, and reducing the terms of court in Stephens county from four to three weeks each."

The bill was read third time and was passed.

HOUSE BILL NO. 366 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 366, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 100 of Chapter 36, page 369, of Acts of the Thirty-first Legislature, approved March 15, 1909, entitled 'An Act to validate the Wichita Falls Independent School District,' and for other purposes, by repealing the last clause of Section 10 of said act, which limits the powers and discretion of the board of equalization of said independent school district in the performance of its duties, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time.

The Clerk was directed to call the roll, and the bill was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—105.

Mr. Speaker.	Blackburn.
Bagby.	Blackmon.
Baker.	Blalock.
Beard of Milam.	Bland.
Beasley.	Boner.
Beason.	Brown.
Bedell.	Bryan.
Bertram.	Bryant.

Burton of Rusk.	O'Brien.
Burton of Tarrant.	Osborne.
Butler.	Parks.
Cadenhead.	Peddy.
Carlock.	Reeves.
Cates.	Roemer.
Clark.	Rogers.
Cope.	Russell.
Cox.	Sackett.
Crudgington.	Sallas.
Davis of Dallas.	Sentell.
Davis of Grimes.	Schlesinger.
De Bogory.	Scholl.
Denton.	Seawright.
Dodd.	Sholars.
Dudley.	Smith of Bastrop.
Fisher.	Smith of Hopkins.
Florer.	Smith of Scurry.
Fly.	Spencer of Nolan.
Greenwood.	Spradley.
Haidusek.	Stewart.
Hardey.	Taylor.
Harris.	Templeton.
Hartman.	Terrell.
Hawkins.	Thomas.
Holland.	Thomason
Johnson.	of El Paso.
Laas.	Thomason
Laney.	of Nacogdoches.
Lanier.	Thompson
Lee.	of Hunt.
Lindemann.	Thompson
Low.	of Red River.
of Washington.	Tilson.
McComb.	Tinner.
McCoy.	Traylor.
McDowra.	Tschoepe.
McFarland.	Upchurch.
McMillin.	Veatch.
Martin.	Walker.
Mendell.	Williams
Monday.	of Brazoria.
Morris.	Williford.
Murrell.	Wilson.
Neeley.	Woods.
Neill.	Woodul.
Nichols.	Yantis.
Nordhaus.	

Absent.

Bell.	O'Banion.
Canales.	Peyton.
Davis.	Pillow.
of Van Zandt.	Poage.
Dunnam.	Pope.
Estes.	Raiden.
Fairchild.	Richards.
Fitzpatrick.	Robertson.
Hill.	Schlosshan.
Hudspeth.	Strayhorn.
Jones.	Tillotson.
Lange.	Valentine.
Lowe.	Wahrmund.
of McMullen.	White.
Meador.	Williams
Metcalfe.	of McLennan.
Miller of Austin.	

Absent—Excused.

Beard of Harris.	Moore.
Bledsoe.	Spencer of Wise.
Lacey.	Swope.
Miller of Dallas.	

HOUSE BILL NO. 412 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 412, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Jefferson Independent School District, in Marion county, Texas; providing for a board of trustees in said independent school district and conferring upon said district and its board of trustees all the rights, powers, privileges and duties now conferred and imposed by the general laws of this State upon independent school districts and the board of trustees thereof; to provide for the creation of a board of trustees for the raising of revenue, issuing bonds, building and maintaining schoolhouses, maintaining public free schools, declaring valid an issue of bonds heretofore made, declaring valid a maintenance tax heretofore voted, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time.

The Clerk was directed to call the roll, and the bill was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—101.

Bagby.	Fisher.
Baker.	Florer.
Beard of Milam.	Fly.
Beasley.	Greenwood.
Beason.	Haidusek.
Bedell.	Hardey.
Bertram.	Harris.
Blackburn.	Hartman.
Blackmon.	Hawkins.
Blalock.	Holland.
Bland.	Johnson.
Boner.	Laas.
Brown.	Laney.
Bryant.	Lanier.
Burton of Rusk.	Lee.
Butler.	Lindemann.
Cadenhead.	Low
Carlock.	of Washington.
Cates.	McComb.
Clark.	McCoy.
Cope.	McDowra.
Cox.	McFarland.
Crudgington.	McMillin.
Davis of Dallas.	Martin.
Davis of Grimes.	Mendell.
De Bogory.	Metcalfe.
Denton.	Morris.
Dodd.	Murrell.
Dudley.	Neeley.

Neill.	Templeton.
Nichols.	Terrell.
Nordhaus.	Thomas.
O'Brien.	Thomason
Osborne.	of Nacogdoches.
Parks.	Thompson
Peddy.	of Hunt.
Peyton.	Thompson
Reeves.	of Red River.
Roemer.	Tilson.
Russell.	Tinner.
Sackett.	Trayler.
Sallas.	Tschoepe.
Sentell.	Upchurch.
Schlesinger.	Veatch.
Scholl.	Walker.
Seawright.	White.
Sholars.	Williams
Smith of Bastrop.	of Brazoria.
Smith of Hopkins.	Williford.
Smith of Scurry.	Wilson.
Spencer of Nolan.	Woods.
Stewart.	Woodul.
Taylor.	Yantis.

Absent.

Bell.	O'Banion.
Bryan.	Pillow.
Burton of Tarrant.	Poage.
Canales.	Pope.
Davis	Raiden.
of Van Zandt.	Richards.
Dunnam.	Robertson.
Estes.	Rogers.
Fairchild.	Schlosshan.
Fitzpatrick.	Spradley.
Hill.	Strayhorn.
Hudspeth.	Thomason
Jones.	of El Paso.
Lange.	Tillotson.
Lowe	Valentine.
of McMullen.	Wahrmund.
Meador.	Williams
Miller of Austin.	of McLennan.
Monday.	

Absent—Excused.

Beard of Harris.	Moore.
Bledsoe.	Spencer of Wise.
Lacey.	Swope.
Miller of Dallas.	

HOUSE BILL NO. 414 ON THIRD
READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage, H. B. No. 414, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Crockett Independent School District in Houston county, Texas; defining its boundaries; providing for a board of trustees to manage and control the public free schools within said district; divesting the city of Crockett of the control of its public free schools, and the title

of all property now held and used for public school purposes; investing said district with the rights, powers, privileges and duties of a town or village incorporated for free school purposes only under the general laws; creating the trustees of said independent school district a board of equalization thereof, and conferring upon them the power and so forth given by the general laws, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time.

The Clerk was directed to call the roll, and the bill was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—103.

Mr. Speaker.	McComb.
Bagby.	McCoy.
Baker.	McDowra.
Beard of Milam.	McFarland.
Beasley.	McMillin.
Beason.	Mendell.
Bedell.	Metcalf.
Bertram.	Monday.
Blackburn.	Morris.
Blackmon.	Murrell.
Blalock.	Neeley.
Boner.	Neill.
Brown.	Nichols.
Bryan.	O'Brien.
Bryant.	Osborne.
Burton of Rusk.	Parks.
Butler.	Peddy.
Cadenhead.	Reeves.
Canales.	Roemer.
Carlock.	Rogers.
Cates.	Russell.
Clark.	Sackett.
Cope.	Sallas.
Cox.	Sentell.
Crudginton.	Schlesinger.
Davis of Dallas.	Scholl.
Davis of Grimes.	Seawright.
De Bogory.	Sholars.
Denton.	Smith of Bastrop.
Dodd.	Smith of Hopkins.
Dudley.	Smith of Scurry.
Fairchild.	Spencer of Nolan.
Fisher.	Stewart.
Fly.	Taylor.
Greenwood.	Templeton.
Haidusek.	Terrell.
Hardey.	Thomas.
Harris.	Thomason
Hartman.	of El Paso.
Hawkins.	Thomason
Holland.	of Nacogdoches.
Johnson.	Thompson
Laas.	of Hunt.
Laney.	Thompson
Lanier.	of Red River.
Lee.	Tilson.
Lindemann.	Tinner.
Low	Trayler.
of Washington.	Tschoepe.

Upchurch.	Williford.
Veatch.	Wilson.
Walker.	Woods.
White.	Woodul.
Williams	Yantis.
of Brazoria.	
	Absent.

Bell.	Nordhaus.
Bland.	O'Banion.
Burton of Tarrant.	Peyton.
Davis	Pillow.
of Van Zandt.	Poage.
Dunnam.	Pope.
Estes.	Raiden.
Fitzpatrick.	Richards.
Florer.	Robertson.
Hill.	Schlosshan.
Hudspeth.	Spradley.
Jones.	Strayhorn.
Lange.	Tillotson.
Lowe	Valentine.
of McMullen.	Wahrmund.
Martin.	Williams
Meador.	of McLennan.
Miller of Austin.	

Absent—Excused.

Beard of Harris.	Moore.
Bledsoe.	Spencer of Wise.
Lacey.	Swope.
Miller of Dallas.	

HOUSE BILL NO. 432 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage, H. B. No. 432, A bill to be entitled "An Act to increase the limits of the Sweetwater Independent School District by adding thereto certain territory from adjoining districts, etc., and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time.

The Clerk was directed to call the roll, and the bill was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—99.

Bagby.	Cadenhead.
Baker.	Canales.
Beard of Milam.	Carlock.
Beasley.	Cates.
Beason.	Clark.
Bedell.	Cope.
Bertram.	Cox.
Blackburn.	Crudgington.
Blackmon.	Davis of Dallas.
Blalock.	Davis of Grimes.
Boner.	De Bogory.
Brown.	Denton.
Bryan.	Dodd.
Burton of Rusk.	Dudley.
Butler.	Fairchild.

Fisher.	Sackett.
Florer.	Sallas.
Fly.	Sentell.
Greenwood.	Schlesinger.
Haidusek.	Seawright.
Hardey.	Sholars.
Harris.	Smith of Bastrop.
Hartman.	Smith of Hopkins.
Hawkins.	Smith of Scurry.
Holland.	Spencer of Nolan.
Johnson.	Stewart.
Laas.	Taylor.
Laney.	Templeton.
Lanier.	Terrell.
Lee.	Thomas.
Lindemann.	Thomason
Low	of El Paso.
of Washington.	Thomason
McComb.	of Nacogdoches.
McCoy.	Thompson
McDowra.	of Hunt.
McMillin.	Thompson
Mendell.	of Red River.
Metcalf.	Tilson.
Monday.	Tinner.
Morris.	Trayler.
Murrell.	Tschoepe.
Neeley.	Upchurch.
Neill.	Walker.
Nichols.	White.
O'Brien.	Williams
Osborne.	of Brazoria.
Parks.	Williford.
Peddy.	Wilson.
Reeves.	Woods.
Roemer.	Woodul.
Rogers.	Yantis.
Russell.	

Absent.

Bell.	Nordhaus.
Bland.	O'Banion.
Bryant.	Peyton.
Burton of Tarrant.	Pillow.
Davis	Poage.
of Van Zandt.	Pope.
Dunnam.	Raiden.
Estes.	Richards.
Fitzpatrick.	Robertson.
Hill.	Schlosshan.
Hudspeth.	Scholl.
Jones.	Spradley.
Lange.	Strayhorn.
Lowe	Tillotson.
of McMullen.	Valentine.
McFarland.	Veatch.
Martin.	Wahrmund.
Meador.	Williams
Miller of Austin.	of McLennan.

Absent—Excused.

Beard of Harris.	Moore.
Bledsoe.	Spencer of Wise.
Lacey.	Swope.
Miller of Dallas.	

HOUSE BILL NO. 425 ON THIRD
READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage, H. B. No. 425, A bill to be entitled "An Act prescribing additional duties for the county attorney of Wichita county, and fixing his compensation for same."

The bill was read third time.

The Clerk was directed to call the roll, and the bill was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—94.

Mr. Speaker.	Mendell.
Bagby.	Monday.
Baker.	Morris.
Beard of Milam.	Murrell.
Beasley.	Neeley.
Beason.	Neill.
Bedell.	Nichols.
Bell.	O'Brien.
Bertram.	Osborne.
Blackmon.	Parks.
Blalock.	Peddy.
Boner.	Reeves.
Brown.	Roemer.
Bryan.	Russell.
Burton of Rusk.	Sackett.
Butler.	Sallas.
Cadenhead.	Sentell.
Canales.	Schlesinger.
Cates.	Scholl.
Clark.	Seawright.
Cox.	Sholars.
Crudgington.	Smith of Bastrop.
Davis of Dallas.	Smith of Hopkins.
Davis of Grimes.	Spencer of Nolan.
De Bogory.	Stewart.
Dodd.	Taylor.
Dudley.	Templeton.
Fairchild.	Terrell.
Fisher.	Thomas.
Fly.	Thomason
Greenwood.	of Nacogdoches.
Haidusek.	Thompson
Hardey.	of Hunt.
Harris.	Thompson
Hartman.	of Red River.
Hawkins.	Tilson.
Holland.	Tinner.
Johnson.	Traylor.
Laas.	Upchurch.
Laney.	Veatch.
Lanier.	Walker.
Lee.	White.
Lindemann.	Williams
Low	of Brazoria.
of Washington.	Williford.
McComb.	Wilson.
McCoy.	Woods.
McDowra.	Woodul.
McFarland.	Yantis.
McMillin.	

Present—Not Voting.

Blackburn.	Tschoepe.
Rogers.	Absent.
Bland.	Miller of Austin.
Bryant.	Nordhaus.
Burton of Tarrant.	O'Banion.
Carlock.	Peyton.
Cope.	Pillow.
Davis	Poage.
of Van Zandt.	Pope.
Denton.	Raiden.
Dunnam.	Richards.
Estes.	Robertson.
Fitzpatrick.	Schlosshan.
Florer.	Smith of Scurry.
Hill.	Spradley.
Hudspeth.	Strayhorn.
Jones.	Thomason
Lange.	of El Paso.
Lowe	Tillotson.
of McMullen.	Valentine.
Martin.	Wahrmund.
Meador.	Williams
Metcalfe.	of McLennan.

Absent—Excused.

Beard of Harris.	Moore.
Bledsoe.	Spencer of Wise.
Lacey.	Swope.
Miller of Dallas.	

HOUSE BILL NO. 495 ON THIRD
READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage, H. B. No. 495, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Kirbyville Independent School District in Jasper county, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time.

The Clerk was directed to call the roll, and the bill was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—102.

Mr. Speaker:	Burton of Rusk.
Bagby.	Butler.
Baker.	Cadenhead.
Beard of Milam.	Canales.
Beasley.	Carlock.
Beason.	Cates.
Bedell.	Clark.
Bertram.	Cope.
Blackburn.	Cox.
Blackmon.	Crudgington.
Blalock.	Davis of Dallas.
Boner.	Davis of Grimes.
Brown.	De Bogory.
Bryan.	Denton.
Bryant.	Dodd.

Dudley.	Sackett.
Fairchild.	Sallas.
Fisher.	Sentell.
Fly.	Schlesinger.
Greenwood.	Scholl.
Haidusek.	Seawright.
Hardey.	Sholars.
Harris.	Smith of Bastrop.
Hartman.	Smith of Hopkins.
Hawkins.	Smith of Scurry.
Holland.	Spencer of Nolan.
Johnson.	Stewart.
Laas.	Taylor.
Laney.	Templeton.
Lanier.	Terrell.
Lee.	Thomas.
Lindemann.	Thomason
Low	of El Paso.
of Washington.	Thomason
McComb.	of Nacogdoches.
McCoy.	Thompson
McDowra.	of Hunt.
McFarland.	Thompson
McMillin.	of Red River.
Mendell.	Tilson.
Monday.	Tinner.
Morris.	Trayler.
Murrell.	Tschoepe.
Neeley.	Upchurch.
Neill.	Veatch.
Nichols.	Walker.
O'Brien.	White.
Osborne.	Williams
Parks.	of Brazoria.
Peddy.	Williford.
Reeves.	Wilson.
Roemer.	Woods.
Rogers.	Woodul.
Russell.	Yantis.

Absent.

Bell.	Miller of Austin.
Bland.	Nordhaus.
Burton of Tarrant.	O'Banion.
Davis	Peyton.
of Van Zandt.	Pillow.
Dunnam.	Poage.
Estes.	Pope.
Fitzpatrick.	Raiden.
Florer.	Richards.
Hill.	Robertson.
Hudspeth.	Schlosshan.
Jones.	Spradley.
Lange.	Strayhorn.
Lowe	Tillotson.
of McMullen.	Valentine.
Martin.	Wahrmund.
Meador.	Williams
Metcalf.	of McLennan.

Absent—Excused.

Beard of Harris.	Moore.
Bledsoe.	Spencer of Wise.
Lacey.	Swope.
Miller of Dallas.	

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE.

The Speaker announced the appointment of the following committee to confer with Comptroller in regard to appropriations:

Messrs. Blalock, Boner, Low of Washington, Martin and Poage.

ADJOURNMENT.

Mr. Hawkins moved that the House adjourn until 10 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

Mr. Blalock moved that the House adjourn until 9 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

The motion of Mr. Hawkins prevailed, and the House, accordingly, at 6:15 o'clock p. m., adjourned until 10 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

APPENDIX.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 7, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Agriculture, to whom was referred House bill No. 229, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Neill has been appointed to make a full report thereon. Mr. Miller of Austin gave notice of minority report.

BELL, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 7, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Agriculture, to whom was referred House bill No. 577, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Denton has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

BELL, Chairman.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 7, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Appropri-

ations, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 148, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Thomas has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

PEYTON, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 7, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 203, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Thomas has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

PEYTON, Chairman.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS.

Committee Room,

Austin Texas, February 8, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Constitutional Amendments, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 32, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Lee has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

TERRELL, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 8, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Constitutional Amendments, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 8, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Clark has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

TERRELL, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 8, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Constitutional Amendments, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 34, have had the same under consideration

and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass.

TERRELL, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 8, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Constitutional Amendments, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 33, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Clark has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

TERRELL, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JUDICIAL DISTRICTS.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 6, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Judicial Districts, to whom was referred House bill No. 597, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Smith of Scurry has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

TEMPLETON, Chairman.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON COMMON CARRIERS.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 5, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Common Carriers, to whom was referred House bill No. 447, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass.

WILLIAMS of Brazoria, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 5, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Common Carriers, to whom was referred House bill No. 293, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass.

WILLIAMS of Brazoria, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 7, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Common Carriers, to whom was referred House bill No. 392, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass.

WILLIAMS of Brazoria, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COUNTIES.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 1, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Counties, to whom was referred House bill No. 341, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass.

HARDEY, Chairman.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 8, 1917.
Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred House bill No. 386, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass.

THOMASON of Nacogdoches, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 8, 1917.
Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred House bill No. 609, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

THOMASON of Nacogdoches, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 8, 1917.
Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred House bill No. 129, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report

it back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass.

THOMASON of Nacogdoches, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 8, 1917.
Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred House bill No. 525, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass, with committee amendment.

THOMASON of Nacogdoches, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 8, 1917.
Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred House bill No. 608, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

THOMASON of Nacogdoches, Chairman.

REPORTS OF JUDICIARY COMMITTEE.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 7, 1917.
Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred House bill No. 377, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass.

WILLIAMS of Brazoria, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 7, 1917.
Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred House bill No. 27, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass.

WILLIAMS of Brazoria, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 2, 1917.
Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred House bill No. 552, have had the same under consideration,

and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Robertson has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

BRYANT, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 7, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred House bill No. 584, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Woods has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

WILLIAMS of Brazoria, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 7, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred House bill No. 582, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Schlosshan has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

WILLIAMS of Brazoria, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 7, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred House bill No. 502, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Woods has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

WILLIAMS of Brazoria, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 7, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred House bill No. 300, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass, and that it be not printed. Mr. Robertson has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

WILLIAMS of Brazoria, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 7, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Judiciary Committee, to

whom was referred House bill No. 374, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass.

WILLIAMS of Brazoria, Vice-Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JUVENILE REFORMS.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 8, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Juvenile Reforms, to whom was referred House bill No. 532, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass, with committee amendment. Mr. Benson has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

FLORER, Chairman.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON REFORMS IN CIVIL PROCEDURE.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 7, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Reforms in Civil Procedure, to whom was referred House bill No. 490, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass.

CARLOCK, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 7, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Reforms in Civil Procedure, to whom was referred House bill No. 548, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. De Bogory has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

CARLOCK, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REFORMS IN CRIMINAL PROCEDURE.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 7, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Reforms in

Criminal Procedure, to whom was referred House bill No. 491, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Bagby has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

WILLIFORD, Vice-Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE ASYLUMS.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 7, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on State Asylums, to whom was referred House bill No. 451, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass, with amendments. Mr. Davis of Grimes has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

NEELEY, Chairman.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON REVENUE AND TAXATION.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 8, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Revenue and Taxation, to whom was referred House bill No. 331, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass.

CRUDGINGTON, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 8, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Revenue and Taxation, to whom was referred House bill No. 492, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass.

CRUDGINGTON, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 8, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Revenue and Taxation, to whom was referred House bill No. 503, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to

report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass.

CRUDGINGTON, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 8, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Revenue and Taxation, to whom was referred House bill No. 395, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass.

CRUDGINGTON, Vice-Chairman.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 8, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 57, "An Act to amend Chapter 60 of the Acts of the Thirty-third Legislature, passed at its Regular Session and approved March 20, 1913, providing for a special road law for Hunt county, etc., and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 4 o'clock p. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

McCOY, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 7, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. C. R. No. 9, Extending invitation to surviving members of the Ninth Legislature,

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 4 o'clock p. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

McCOY, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 7, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. C. R. No. 6, Expressing confidence in President Wilson and assuring him of loyalty of Texans,

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 4 o'clock p. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

McCOY, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 7, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 12, "An Act to amend Article 1905, Chapter 8, Title 37, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to the time when the answer in case of citation by publication shall be filed, and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 4 o'clock p. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

McCOY, Chairman.

TWENTY-FOURTH DAY.

(Friday, February 9, 1917.)

The House met at 10 o'clock a. m., pursuant to adjournment.

(Speaker Fuller in the chair.)

The roll was called and the following members were present:

Bagby.	Davis
Baker.	of Van Zandt.
Beard of Milam.	De Bogory.
Beasley.	Denton.
Beason.	Dodd.
Bedell.	Dudley.
Bell.	Dunnam.
Bertram.	Estes.
Blackburn.	Fairchild.
Blackmon.	Fisher.
Blalock.	Fitzpatrick.
Bland.	Florer.
Bledsoe.	Fly.
Boner.	Greenwood.
Brown.	Haidusek.
Bryan.	Hardey.
Bryant.	Harris.
Burton of Rusk.	Hartman.
Burton of Tarrant.	Hawkins.
Butler.	Hill.
Cadenhead.	Holland.
Canales.	Hudspeth.
Carlock.	Johnson.
Cates.	Jones.
Clark.	Laas.
Cope.	Lacey.
Cox.	Laney.
Crudgington.	Lange.
Davis of Dallas.	Lanier.
Davis of Grimes.	Lee.

Lindemann.	Scholl.
Lowe	Seawright.
of McMullen.	Sholars.
Low	Smith of Bastrop.
of Washington.	Smith of Hopkins.
McComb.	Smith of Scurry.
McCoy.	Spencer of Nolan.
McDowra.	Spradley.
McFarland.	Stewart.
McMillin.	Strayhorn.
Martin.	Swope.
Meador.	Taylor.
Mendell.	Templeton.
Metcalfe.	Terrell.
Miller of Dallas.	Thomas.
Monday.	Thomason
Morris.	of El Paso.
Murrell.	Thomason
Neeley.	of Nacogdoches.
Neill.	Thompson
Nichols.	of Hunt.
Nordhaus.	Thompson
O'Banion.	of Red River.
O'Brien.	Tillotson.
Osborne.	Tilson.
Parks.	Tinner.
Peddy.	Trayler.
Peyton.	Tschoepe.
Pillow.	Upchurch.
Ponge.	Valentine.
Pope.	Veatch.
Raiden.	Wahrmund.
Reeves.	Walker.
Richards.	White.
Robertson.	Williams
Roemer.	of Brazoria.
Rogers.	Williams
Russell.	of McLennan.
Sackett.	Williford.
Sallas.	Wilson.
Sentell.	Woods.
Schlesinger.	Woodul.
Schlosshan.	Yantis.

Absent.

Miller of Austin.

Absent—Excused.

Beard of Harris. Spencer of Wise.
Moore.

A quorum was announced present.

Prayer was offered by Rev. J. C. Mitchell, Chaplain.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED.

Bob Barker, Chief Clerk, was granted leave of absence for today and tomorrow, on account of important business, on motion of Mr. Jones.

HOUSE BILLS ON FIRST READING.

The following House bills, introduced today, were laid before the House, read